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[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Paris, To-day.

The French Government met under the chairmanship of President Albert Lebrun from 10 o'clock last night to 20 minutes past midnight.—Havas.

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Paris, To-day.

On his return from a brief trip to London the Premier, M. Reynaud, held a series of conferences with the Belgian Premier, M. Pierlot, the Belgian Defence Minister, General Denis, the Belgian Ambassador, M. Letellier, Marshal Petain, General Weygand, the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Bullitt, and Admiral Darlan.—Havas.

Paris, To-day.

The Council of Ministers heard a statement by General Weygand, the Allied Generalissimo, at a two-hour meeting under the chairmanship of President Lebrun last night.

The Premier, M. Reynaud, is to make a broadcast declaration to-day at 7.30 a.m. (G.M.T.).—Reuter.

43 NAZI PLANES SHOT DOWN IN ONE RAID ON CALAIS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Paris, To-day.

German public opinion which thought the German Air Force was invincible, is now changing its mind.

As already officially announced in Paris, between May 10 and May 20, an average of over 100 German planes a day was brought down by Allied fighters or anti-aircraft units.

Since May 20, this daily average has become even greater. The following may form a useful indication as to the extent.—

In a single raid on Calais, 43 German planes were shot down.

During a raid lasting for one hour on Dunkirk, 66 German planes were brought down.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST.—East and south-east winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy, rain.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

A GENERAL STAFF COMMUNIQUE SAYS THAT IN THE NORTH THE GERMANS ATTACKED THE BELGIAN ARMY IN THE MENIN REGION.

British troops in the Lys region successfully attacked an enemy superior in numbers. On the Somme a local action was brilliantly conducted by our troops supported by aviation.

East of the Aisne the enemy launched intermittent attacks.

Our artillery and infantry are holding up the enemy and are improving our positions.—Havas.

Valenciennes Evacuation

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. Evacuation of the French salient in the Valenciennes region was ordered after a whole day of fighting in which all German attacks were repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy.

The retirement was ordered only for strategic considerations as the troops were ahead of the rest of the line and thus exposed to heavy losses.

The withdrawal was effected at night without loss.—Havas.

Extreme Violence

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The French military spokesman, commenting on the critical fighting in Belgium and Northern France, stated that the Germans had apparently shifted the bulk of their striking force against the Belgian positions on the Lys.

British troops had successfully counter-attacked in this area.

The Germans, he said, are apparently attempting to split the Allied forces in Belgium and Northern France, presumably because the Allied pressure in the gap was more severe than had been anticipated, and it is hoped to ease this

BRITAIN AND ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Proposals forwarded by the Italian Government to Britain through Sir Wilfred Greene may constitute the basis for a contraband control agreement, the "Manchester Guardian" declares.

Italy may be prepared to accept the navlincert system if satisfactory technical measures are drafted allowing Italian shipping to dispense with the delays caused by the contraband control.

Thus the main motive of Italo-British friction would disappear.—Havas.

ANTI-FASCIST SCENE IN SHEFFIELD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

An anti-Fascist demonstration took place at Sheffield yesterday when a crowd manhandled a newsboy selling Fascist papers. The police intervened but could not prevent the mob from destroying the papers.—Havas.

WATCHING FOR FIFTH COLUMN IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

The French authorities are watching for possible Nazi Fifth Column activities here but it has not yet been decided to take any emergency steps, the "China Press" was informed.

Rumours that all Germans in the French Concession are to be "put on parole" were denied.—Reuter.

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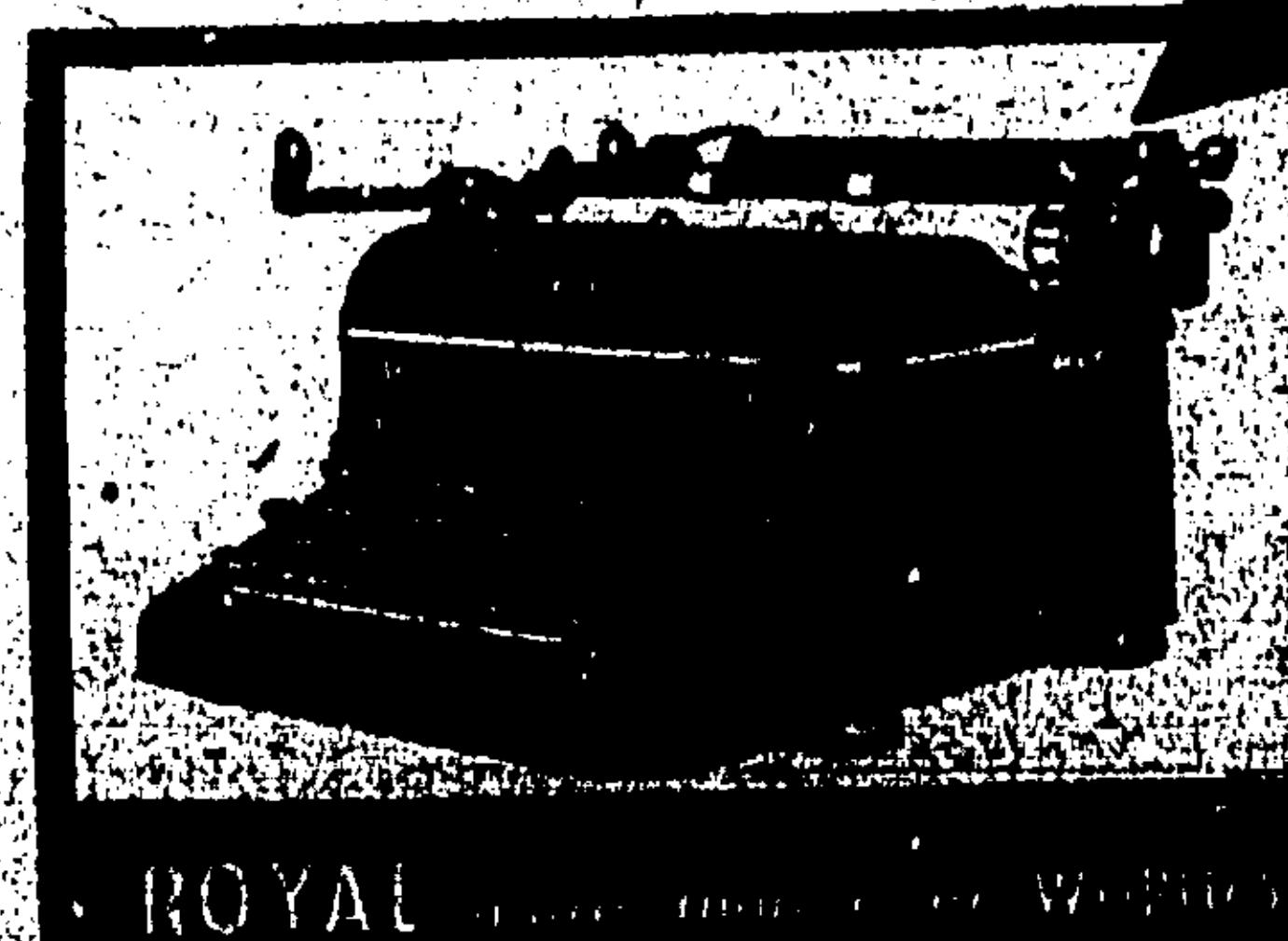
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AMERICA SOLIDLY AGAINST DESPATCH OF TROOPS

London, To-day. COMMENTING ON UNITED STATES isolationism, the "Daily Telegraph" writes it would be premature to forecast the practical consequences of the sympathy now being developed in America towards the Allied cause. The Administration, no less than the public, remains solidly against the despatch of an expeditionary force to Europe.

JAPANESE WANT CHINA WAR ENDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") TOKYO, TO-DAY.

FOLLOWING THE PREMIER'S SPEECH AT A SPIRITUAL MOBILISATION MOVEMENT MEETING, APPEALING FOR CLOSER CO-OPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT TOTAL WAR FOR DISPOSAL OF THE CHINA WAR, THE JAPANESE PRESS HAS INTENSIFIED THE CAMPAIGN FOR FINISHING THE WAR AND FREE JAPAN'S HANDS FOR THE COMING WORLDWIDE EVENTS.

The "Kokumin" urges the early end of the China war to permit Japan to take a more positive policy towards the European war.

The newspaper says that despite the establishment in Nanking of a new "national government," the destruction of the Chungking Government advocated by Prince Konoye has not been realised.

The European conflict should be regarded closely with the China war and Japan must be well prepared for any outcome without adhering strictly to the policy of non-involvement. — Havas.

ENGLAND'S PARA-SHOOTERS

London, To-day.

Sir Edward Grigg, War Office Parliamentary Under-Secretary, in a broadcast on the task allotted to the Para-shooters, said:

"We want first of all correct information of any enemy landings from the air.

"After that, it is the duty of those on the spot to see that the enemy gets no cars or means of transport, and to bar his progress by any and every means at their disposal.

"All strategic points should be strongly guarded, especially at night, to ensure that such points cannot be rushed.

Sir Edward disclosed that over 400,000 volunteers have been enrolled, of which a large proportion have already been armed. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT GOES FOR A CRUISE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

After delivering his speech to the nation President Roosevelt boarded his yacht for a cruise on the Potomac. The White House announces that the President is not returning before next Monday. — Havas.

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Even proposals mooted for the grant of credits to the Allies and the sale of United States army and navy planes are probably in advance of public opinion. Nevertheless there are undoubtedly signs of a strong movement towards non-belligerent intervention on behalf of the Allies. Active measures have already been taken to speed up completion of Allied orders for aircraft. The question of sending more direct assistance is likely to depend on the course of events in the coming weeks.

Greater Powers

"The Times" welcomes the appointment of General Ironside as Commander-in-Chief of the home forces but advocates creation of a post with great powers for the unification and centralisation of authority.

The briefest reflection shows the variety of activities the home defence must co-relate. Unity of purpose and policy in the home defence command entails the possession of power and a combined staff to direct the military and air forces, the naval and auxiliary coastal defences, civil defence commissioners, police and local defence volunteers.

He should be directly responsible to the Minister of Defence, who is the Prime Minister. Preparedness in this sense does not and must not involve excessive concentration.

Not Immune

First object of greater security at the base is greater security for operations overseas. That is the right and only way to regard it. This island cannot be made immune from all the hazards of modern war and does not expect immunity. Its people are braced to take their share, well knowing that victory is not won by passive defence and that the precautions to increase personal or territorial security are merely one means to the full development of industrial, naval and military power for the positive overthrow of the enemy.

Commenting on Sir Stafford Cripps' visit to Moscow, "The Times" says if Russia is committed to assist Germany to circumvent the Allied blockade, then little or nothing can be expected from friendly negotiation.

If, on the other hand, Russia's policy is conditioned on serving her own and British interests, then the way is possibly open for an agreement useful on a modest scale to both. First task is to clear up without further delay the uncertainty existing on this vital point. — Reuter.

Not Going To Jump

London, To-day. Commenting on President Roosevelt's speech the "Daily Telegraph" states that all shades of opinion are suddenly awaking to the seriousness of the menace which a Nazified Europe would portend for their own country.

It would be premature to forecast the political consequences of the sympathy now developing in America for the Allied cause. . . . in spirit, if not in force, the Neutrality Act is becoming more and more a dead letter.

The question of rendering more direct assistance is likely to depend on the course of events during the coming weeks.

The "Daily Mail" says the Allies can reasonably count on more material assistance. . . . But says the paper, the United States are not going to jump into the war. — Reuter.

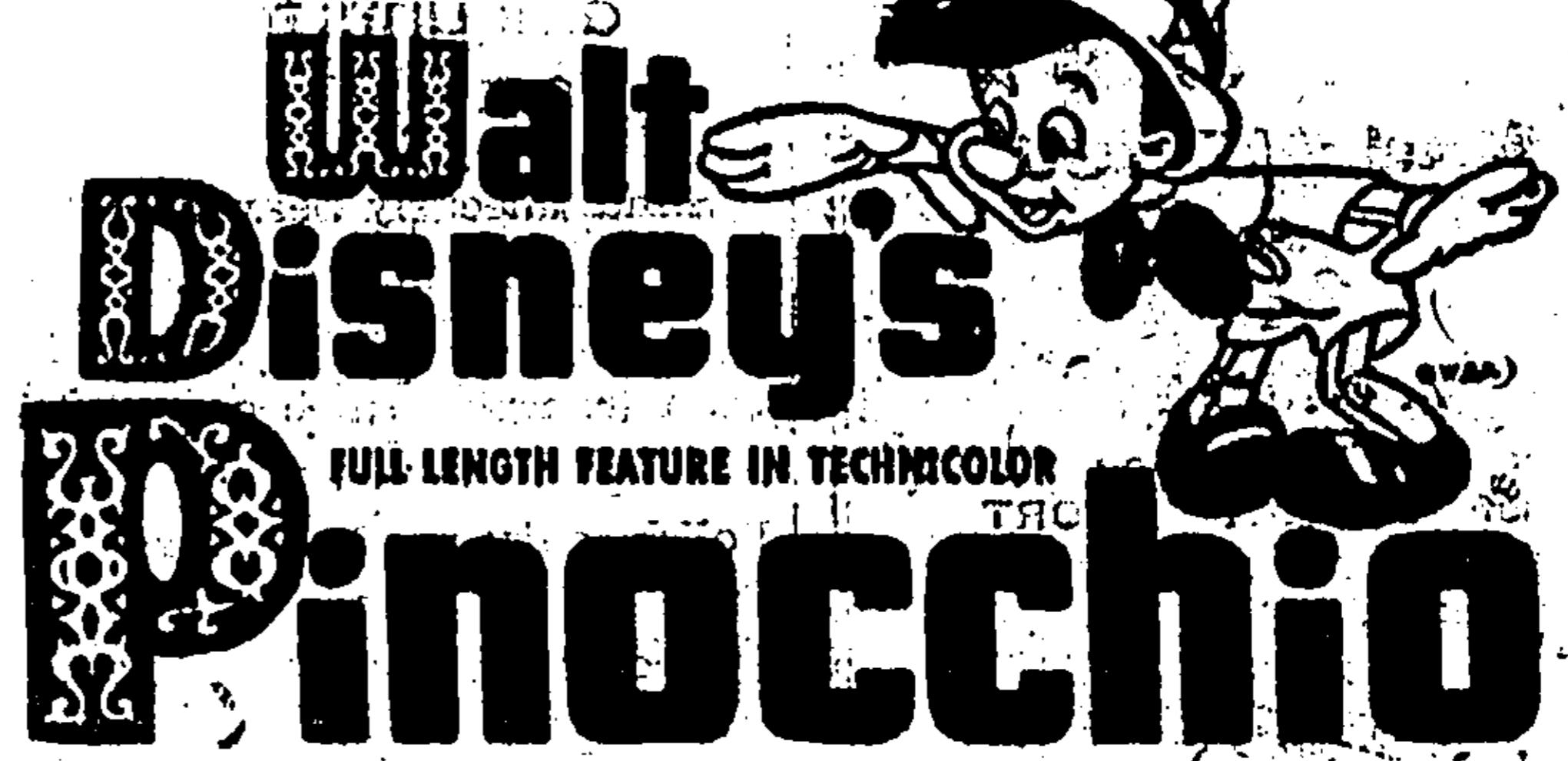
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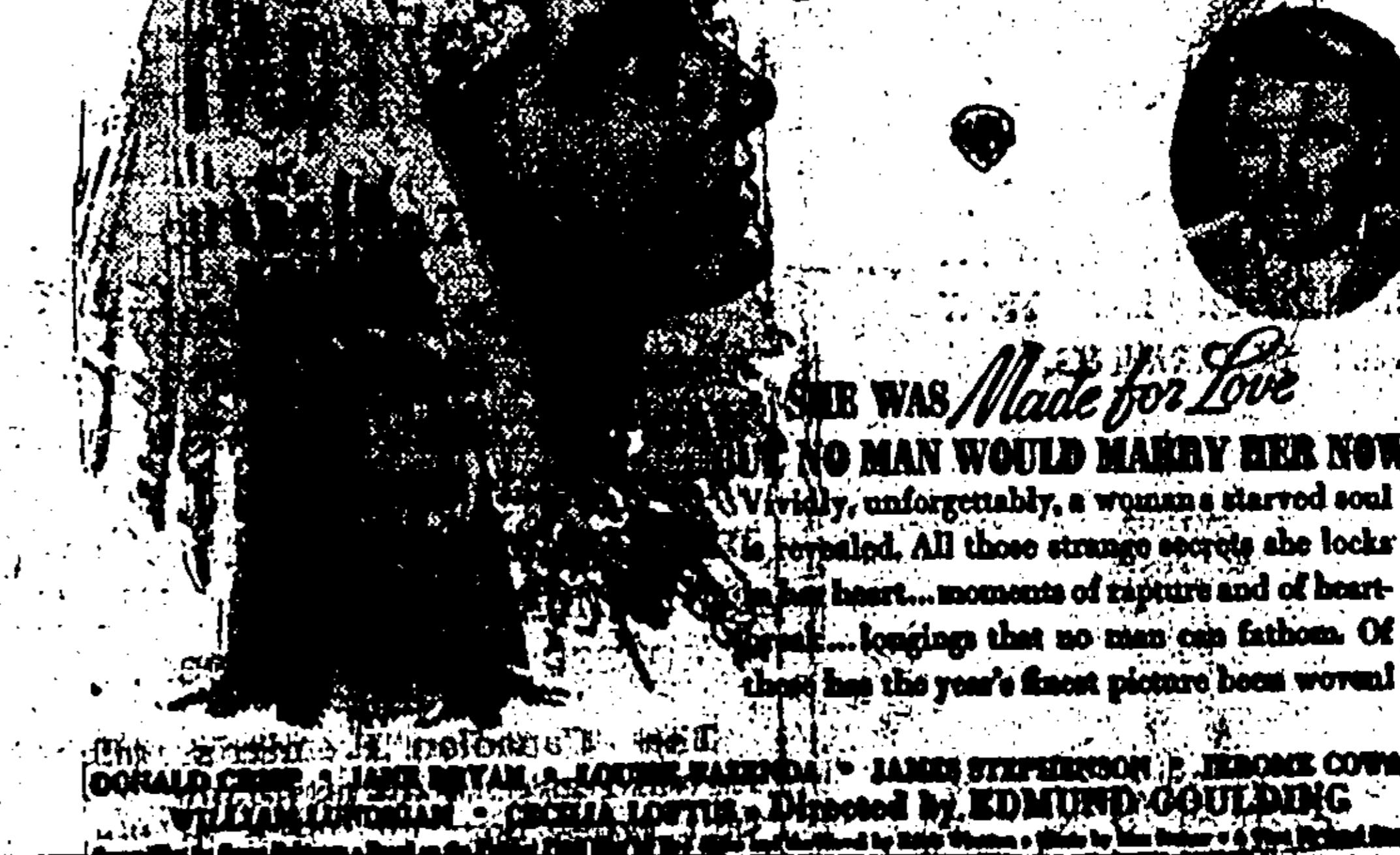


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NEW U.S. MINISTER TO CANADA

Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt has nominated Mr. Jay Pierrepont Moffat as Minister to Canada in succession to Mr. James Cromwell.

Mr. Moffat at present is chief of the European division of the State Department. He accompanied Mr. Sumner Welles to Europe.—Reuter.

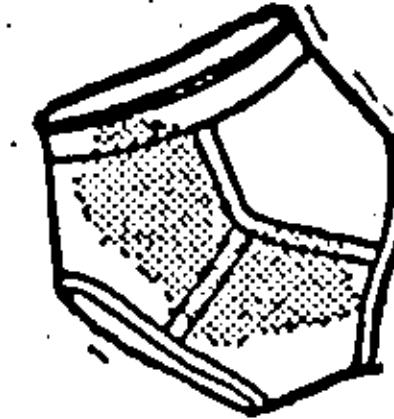


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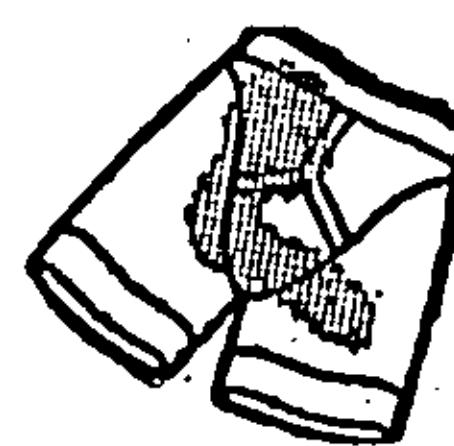
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Over Million Polish Labourers Transplanted

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES have been proceeding with the compulsory migration of Polish workers to Germany since the Nazi occupation of Poland.

The number of Polish labourers thus transplanted amounts to over a million, according to the "Economist."

Simultaneously between 150,000 and 200,000 German farmers, mainly natives of south-west Germany, have been transplanted to occupied Poland.

All lands previously belonging to Polish citizens have been declared State property and a portion of them placed at the disposal of German peasants.

The "Economist" adds that Poland must deliver 80 per cent of her harvest of cereals, wheat and potatoes to Germany.

Food Shortage

The German authorities have been so rigorous in their robbing of Polish food supplies that the Cracow region, known before the war as an essentially agricultural area, has been compelled to import cereals from the Reich to prevent famine.

The prevalent shortage of food in Poland is reflected in the steady rise in prices throughout the country. In Warsaw, bread now costs three zlotys per pound against the pre-war price of .16 zloty.—Havas.

EMPIRE FACES UP TO NEW SITUATION

London, To-day.

All parts of the Empire are showing similar determination to that of Britain to bring the war effort to the maximum by the most energetic measures and with the greatest possible speed.

The Canadian Premier's offer to forward at once all aeroplanes of certain types now available in the Dominion has been accepted by the British Government and at the same time, Mr. Mackenzie King has informed the Canadian Parliament that his Government is considering sweeping measures to conscript manpower and property, similar to the new Emergency Powers in Britain.

New Zealand proposes forming a War Council, comprising Ministers with representatives of the Opposition, employers, trade unions, and farmers, and also to adopt similar emergency legislation.

Australia announces the formation of a third division for overseas service and the expansion of the navy.—British Wireless.

LABOUR SUPPLY BOARD

London, To-day.

The Labour Supply Board, whose formation was only announced over the week-end, has already held its first meeting at the Ministry of Labour under the chairmanship of Mr. Ernest Bevin.

The board will carry out necessary measures to ensure the labour supply and make the fullest use of the manpower and woman-power of the country.—Reuter.



General Sir Edmund Ironside, who has taken over command of the Home Forces, with his chief aide, General Paget, who was in the Norwegian campaign.

PLUGGED HOLES IN ENGINE WITH GUM AND GOT HOME

London, To-day.

THE STORY HAS NOW BEEN TOLD of how a British pilot, shot down over enemy territory, was able to make his way back to his base.

Over East Belgium in the early days of the German push, the Flight Lieutenant was returning after engaging enemy bombers. He was attacked by six fighters but managed to get away, but his engine had been holed and it became evident he would not be able to reach home.

He landed in a field and with the help of peasants who were working near he pulled branches to cover his aircraft. He had just time to hide in a ditch when German bombers came over.

"I thought they had spotted my aircraft for certain," said the pilot. "They kept cruising around for about ten minutes, coming quite low, and all the time I expected them to open up with machine-gun fire, but the camouflage must have been quite good for they finally flew away."

The pilot emerged from the ditch and examined the engine. He found two small holes but the aircraft was otherwise undamaged.

Walking to the nearest town, he called at a garage, obtained motorcar petrol oil and persuaded several men to act as bearers.

At a grocer's, he bought a packet of chewing gum. "I chewed the gum a bit to get it tacky and then plugged the holes. It set very well. I got the petrol and oil put in and then took off, and so home."—British Wireless.

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS OFF TO MOSCOW

London, To-day.

Sir Stafford Cripps has already started on the first stage of his journey to Moscow.

The reply received from the Soviet Union about the visit of a British mission to discuss Anglo-Soviet trade relations is understood to have favoured the proposal, although there are certain details which have to be examined.

Nevertheless, Sir Stafford has already left.—Reuter.

It is understood that the communication handed to the Foreign Secretary on Sunday by M. Maisky made it clear that Sir Stafford would be a welcome visitor.

There are, however, still certain formalities to be concluded which it is expected will not take long to fulfil before Sir Stafford proceeds to Moscow.—British Wireless.

"Situation Of Increasing Gravity"

GERMANS APPLY

TERRIFIC

PRESSURE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
IN WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES IN LONDON LAST NIGHT THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN FRANCE WAS DESCRIBED AS OF INCREASING GRAVITY.

Although the point of greatest effort may shift from day to day, it seems clear that the whole of the Allied position from Belgium to northern France is now being subjected to terrific German pressure.

This attack comes not only from the east, but from the German units which have pushed through the gap and are in a position to harass the Allied positions from the rear; the British, French and Belgian troops are fighting heroically and even the Germans admit their courage and tenacity.

Prisoners taken confirm what the French have already found—that German casualties are very high.

The closest co-operation exists between the Allied commands and General Weygand is in close contact with Lord Gort. — Reuter.

"Desperate" Onslaught

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

The Germans, it is believed, have thrown into the battle area in Flanders and Artois all their available divisions. It can be said that they are desperately attacking, for men are falling in their thousands.

At Valenciennes on Sunday the Germans employed formidable effectives and material without result.

During the night, our troops moved a little more northwards from Valenciennes, but this formed part of the defence plan, which could not allow a dangerous salient to remain in this area, especially as an attack on the Lys had enabled German troops to cross the river at several points.

On the western part of the front, the Germans have taken Boulogne after terrible street fighting, and the German drive is now expected to turn its attention on Calais.

"The German High Command was in too much of a hurry when, in a communiqué, it announced that Calais had been taken," commented the Paris radio yesterday evening. "The town is still in our hands. It is being and will be defended with the utmost energy." — Hava.

Small German Gains

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

Until yesterday morning, despite their gigantic effort at the cost of enormous

mous losses, the Germans registered only a very small gain in ground.

The fighting lasted all day and night. In the morning the battle started again with the same violence.

The other great German effort was launched against the Valenciennes sector. The French troops halted all attacks on Sunday but during the night withdrew without being troubled by the enemy and established themselves in new positions.

The withdrawal was decided by the French Command. The troops defending Valenciennes were too far advanced in relation to the general dispositions.

After the occupation of Boulogne the Germans are now trying to capture Calais. — Hava.

Appalling German Wastage

London, To-day.

Calais is firmly in our hands and will be defended with the utmost energy, stated the Paris radio commentator last night.

After mentioning the utter recklessness with which the Germans are wasting men and materials, the commentator said the German tactics in Flanders and Antwerp are suicidal.

As an example of the appalling wastage the commentator quoted a single German air raid on Calais in which 43 German planes were brought down by fighters and anti-aircraft guns. — Reuter.

British Communiqué

London, To-day.

A British official communiqué issued last evening states: "To-day the enemy violently attacked the French and Belgian forces on the flanks of the

B.E.F. British infantry counter-attacked in cooperation with French tanks.

"In Belgium, British forces have fought side by side with the Belgian Army, meeting the attacks of strong enemy forces.

"The British front remains intact.

"There has been heavy bombing of rear areas. A.A. artillery and unit light automatics have shot down a number of enemy aeroplanes." — British Wireless.

High Intensity Of Clash Not Slackening

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

German operations against Belgium and northern France had not slowed down in intensity for the 24 hours ending yesterday afternoon, semi-official Paris quarters state. The Germans are continuing to attack repeatedly without regard to losses.

At the same time, it has now become clear that the very great Allied defensive battle is making the Germans give up the lightning advance Hitler has so often boasted about.

There is no doubt in Paris that in the present state of affairs what would worry the Nazis most would be a return to the war of position, as they know that at that kind of war the Allies would be unquestionably superior.

That is why Germany is sparing neither men, material nor munitions in proportions which seem astounding.

Even among "neutral pro-German

VERDUN TACTICS REPEATED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

French military circles define the offensive launched by the Germans for the past two or three days in Flanders as a repetition of the tactics used at Verdun during the last war.

The German General Staff is pushing forward ever increasing masses of men and material without any heed to losses with a view to obtaining decisive speedy results in submerging our positions under virtual human waves.

German losses have been enormous.

Chief German attacks were launched against the sector held by the Belgian troops in the direction of Menin and Courtrai. — Hava.

GIBRALTAR IMPOSES CURFEW

Gibraltar, To-day.

It is officially announced that the curfew will be imposed in Gibraltar from to-day between 11.30 p.m. and 5.30 a.m.

Only members of His Majesty's forces and men in uniform will be permitted out of doors between these hours. — Reuter.

statesmen," it is pointed out in Paris, the opinion is taking shape that the German effort during the past fortnight has been so exhausting that they will never get over it. — Hava.

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GERMANS SOUND AIR RAID WARNINGS TO PREVENT PUBLIC SEEING WOUNDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

GERMAN LOSSES OF MEN HAVE BEEN SO GREAT THAT THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ADOPTED ALL SORTS OF MEASURES TO KEEP THE POPULACE AWAY WHEN WOUNDED ARE RUSHED THROUGH, RELIABLE NEUTRAL OBSERVERS FROM BERLIN REPORT.

In certain towns, these observers report, the air-raid sirens are set going to make people seek shelter instead of coming out and looking at the wounded!

While, in spite of the seriousness of the situation, neither in France, Britain, Belgium or Norway nor among the refugees from Belgium and northern France is the morale low, the contrary applies to Germany.

The bombing raids of Allied planes, say these observers, has created alarm in certain towns in central and western Germany.

For four days, petrol dumps in Hamburg were on fire and it was impossible to deal with the flames. — Havas.

AMERICAN REPORT ATTACKED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

The newspaper "Izvestia" indignantly comments on a report in the "Chicago Daily News" asserting that consultations have taken place in Peiping between the German, Soviet and Japanese representatives regarding the disposal of the Dutch East Indies.

"Izvestia" declares: "The valets of the capitalistic press are spreading canards that Russia has designs on the Dutch colonies.

"This only shows that their masters are determined to seize the Dutch legacy.

"It is a well-known custom of the capitalistic press and diplomacy to accuse others to disimulate their own robberies." — Havas.

ALLEGED DISCOVERY IN MOSLEY'S HOME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

According to reliable, semi-official quarters, many prominent Britons have been implicated by documents found in the home of Sir Oswald Mosley, head of the British Union of Fascists, who, it will be recalled, was promptly arrested when Britain's new measures against "Fifth Columnists" were put into effect. — Havas.

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DO YOU WONDER HOW YOU LOOK WHEN YOU'RE ASLEEP? THE TRAGEDY OF IT IS THAT YOU'LL NEVER KNOW. ALL THE SKIN FOOD IN HONG KONG CAN'T PREVENT YOU FROM LOOKING RADDLED AND REVOLTING WHEN YOU WAKE UP FROM AN INFERIOR NIGHT'S REST. TO BE BEAUTIFUL, YOU MUST BE FIT. TO BE FIT YOU MUST SLEEP WELL. TO SLEEP WELL YOU MUST BE COMFORTABLE. TO BE COMFORTABLE—WELL, YOU KNOW THE ANSWER.

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CANADA MUST GIVE ALL

Ottawa, To-day.

Mr. Ian Mackenzie, the Canadian Defence Minister, in a broadcast last night, said:

"Canada must give all if all is needed."

"This war must be won for Canada as well as for the British Empire."

He foreshadowed conscription of the nation's resources. — Reuter.

ISOLATED UNITS IN HEROIC FIGHTS

London, To-day.

Accounts received in London speak of the determined resistance offered to the enemy by small British detachments.

One unit of Royal Engineers of only 300 men armed only with rifles were attacked by 100 enemy armoured cars and motor-cycle machine-guns.

They fought a successful action for several hours, and the survivors were able to withdraw.

British anti-aircraft batteries have been the object of particularly ferocious attack. In one case, a unit of 170 men was attacked by the enemy advance guard moving towards the Channel ports and preferred to lose almost two-thirds of their number rather than surrender.

The survivors managed to withdraw and rejoined larger British forces in the rear.

Nazi Ruthlessness

As evidence of German ruthlessness, an eye-witness reports seeing six enemy tanks proceeding down each side of a road in Northern France which was choked with refugees.

The tanks machinegunned the fugitives and ran over those who had fallen on the ground. — Reuter.

AUGUSTA SAILS

Shanghai, To-day. The Augusta, flagship of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, sailed for northern ports yesterday. It is reported she is going to Tsingtao and Chefoo. The U.S.S. Gold Star and the U.S.S. Finch also left port. The U.S.S. Marblehead is expected to arrive from Manila in a few days. — Reuter.

TIENTSIN BUYS WAR LOAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tientsin, To-day. The French Municipality has subscribed a million francs for French armaments bonds. — Havas.

BRITISH STRENGTHEN NARVIK AIR FORCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day. Considerable reinforcements of British planes are reported to have reached the Narvik sector. — Havas.

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FUTAN UNIVERSITY BOMBED

Chungking, To-day.

Futan University, which is housed on the same campus as Futan Middle School, was hit by 20 bombs during the recent raids on Chungking by Japanese bombers, it is now learned.

The school buildings, including a dormitory, are said to have been wrecked, while hundreds of inhabitants in the vicinity are reported to have been killed or wounded. It is not yet known if any students were among the casualties.

A printing press nearby was also hit and demolished, 20 printers being killed.

Many bombs landed in a crowded village nearby, killing and wounding hundreds.

Actual number of casualties has not yet been ascertained. — Reuter.

NEARLY TWO INCHES RAIN

TOTAL RAINFALL REGISTERED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY IN KOWLOON IN THE 24 HOURS ENDED AT 10 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING WAS 1.89 INCHES. TOTAL FOR THE YEAR IS NOW 6.84 INCHES ABOVE NORMAL.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east and south-east of Japan, and in a ridge extending from the lower Yangtse eastward to the Bonins; it is relatively low over Manchuria and in a trough between Indo-China and the Carolines.

The depression has moved northward to the Gulf of Tongking.

DEATH OF KAISER'S GRANDSON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day. Prince Wilhelm, grand-son of the ex-Kaiser, who has died following an operation for abdominal wounds received in Flanders, is the second of the Kaiser's grand-sons to be killed in action.

The other was Prince Oscar, who was killed in Poland last September. — Havas.

BRITAIN'S BOMBERS DISORGANISE NAZI LINES

Attacks From Rhineland To French Frontier

Direct Hits On Supply Columns And Panzer Units

London, To-day.

THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS service states that all rail and river traffic was disorganised over a wide area from the Rhineland to the French frontier during Sunday night's activities by the Bomber Command.

Typical was the record of one heavy bomber which within half an hour scored direct hits on a mechanised column near Brussels, extinguished a searchlight by bombing it and another by machine-gun fire, wrecked a railway line and bridge and demolished a machine-gun post on a hilltop with a salvo of three bombs.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TELLS STORY

London, To-day.

A Flight Lieutenant who has been with a squadron of fighters hotly engaged in the air battles along the French coast in the last few days, gave an account of the squadron's experiences in a broadcast last night.

He said that until the German invasion of Belgium and Holland, not one of his squadron had as much as seen a German machine.

In the last two days alone, they had shot down fifteen definitely and probably another five.

Two of their machines had failed to return, but one of the pilots was known to be safe.

In one engagement, they got six Messerschmidts and four bombers.

Just A Bit Of Luck

Immediately afterwards, he found a Messerschmidt swooping on his tail. He waited for the attack, gave him a burst at about 200 yards, hitting his petrol tank, swerved from under him and caught him again as he was going down.

"It was just a bit of luck," he said. "It might easily have been me."—Reuter.

SERVICES' PRIVILEGE

The public is informed that certain privileges in the matter of customs exemption are available for parcels addressed to persons domiciled in the Dominions or Colonies now serving in the British forces in Europe or on furlough in the United Kingdom from such forces. Full particulars as to method of directing such parcels may be obtained at the Parcel Department of the General Post Office, Hong Kong.

No such privileges exist in the case of parcels addressed to members of such forces who themselves belong to the United Kingdom.

Other bombers scored direct hits on the railway track south of Aachen and wrecked a railway junction in Belgium, where bombs which fell in a nearby wood caused exceptionally heavy explosions as if an ammunition store had been hit.

Two heavy bombs struck a convoy of 24 vehicles and the bursts were followed by two violent explosions and the blinding flash lit the country for miles.—Reuter.

Bombers Continue Attacks

London, To-day. The Air Ministry announces that the R.A.F. on Sunday night attacked aerodromes at Flushing, Brussels and Antwerp.

Operations were also continued against the enemy's communications in Belgium and western Germany. Hits were made on railway junctions, sidings and convoys of armoured vehicles.

Earlier in the evening much damage was done by medium bombers to a concentration of enemy mechanised vehicles near Boulogne. Yesterday bombing operations were carried out against various objectives in Flanders. So far all our aircraft have returned safely.

Preliminary reports show that 28 enemy aircraft were destroyed or seriously damaged by our aircraft yesterday.

One patrol of Defiants shot down five enemy bombers. Five of our fighters are reported missing.—Reuter.

Still Burning Days Later

London, To-day. Planes of the Coastal Command which flew over Rotterdam on Saturday report that the fuel dumps, set on fire several days before were still burning.

They went on to "visit" other military objectives and when they left at dawn they could see the fires they had started from 30 miles away.

In one case, German troops were crossing a bridge as the British bombs hit it. The plane then went down low, and the gunner completed the work of disorganising the column.—Reuter.

The Chinese American Institute of Cultural Relations, Hong Kong Branch, will hold its annual general meeting to-day at 5 p.m. in the Chinese Merchants' Club, China Building.

KING'S BROADCAST ANNOYS NAZIS

Berne, To-day. The "Basler Nachrichten" correspondent in Berlin reports an unprecedented violent reaction in Germany against the King's Empire broadcast.

The correspondent considers it can only be that the King's broadcast has exercised a profound influence on world opinion.—Reuter.

FINNISH TRADE MISSION IN MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day. The Finnish trade mission which recently arrived in Moscow met with a very cordial welcome, Swedish press correspondents report. Russo-Finnish and Russo-Swedish trade negotiations are taking place simultaneously and the Kremlin apparently desires to show the greatest cordiality and goodwill towards both countries.—Havas.

PORT ERIN NOW PORT FOR WOMEN

London, To-day.

Port Erin, on the Isle of Man, has been taken over in its entirety by the Government for the accommodation of German and Austrian women and children who are to be interned under the new order of the Home Secretary.

No civilians will be permitted in Port Erin unless they have business there.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Following the decision to set up a concentration camp in the Isle of Man, all German and Austrian women belonging to the "B" class of aliens, 1,500 women, most of them servants, were arrested in London yesterday. It is believed that all suspect aliens have now been rounded up.—Havas.

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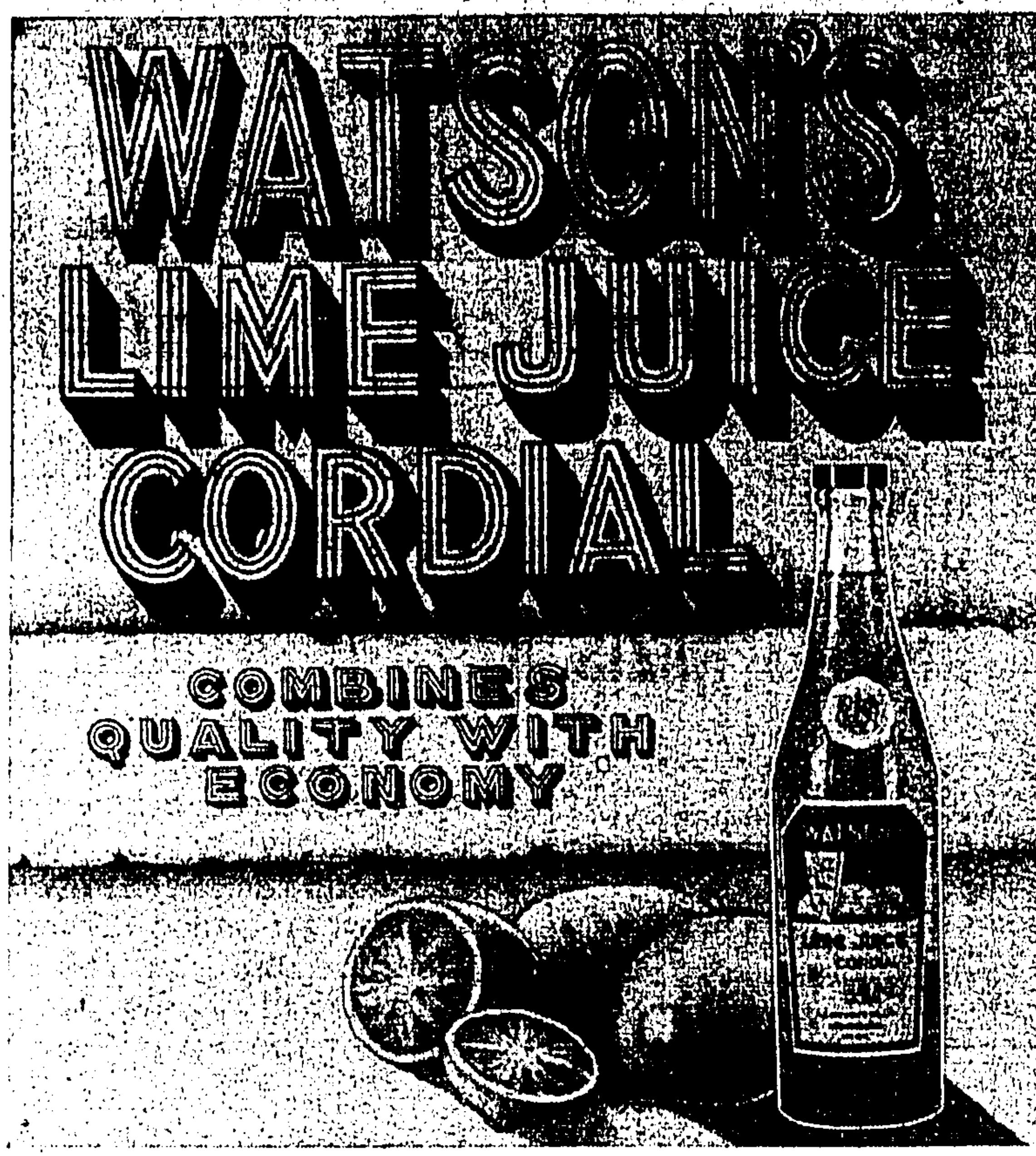
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THE FOG OF WAR

Now that battle has been joined we must expect the news to be, not indeed meagre, but almost invariably delayed. It is of vital importance not to give the enemy information about the movements of Allied forces, and the impatient will do well to recall that, even when these are in full contact with the enemy, it does not necessarily follow that the enemy's High Command knows precisely the situation of its own troops—and still less that it knows that of ours. Meanwhile rumour, be it favourable or the contrary, should be disregarded.

Some jolts there must be; in fact, if there were anything to be expected with confidence, it was something surprising in method and technique. It may safely be assumed that the German High Command will never act in the obvious manner. That and the meticulous attention paid to detail, the combination of originality and care, constitute the greatest strength of German staff work. This strength is founded upon treachery; but that is no news to us and renders it no less immediately formidable, though it may have such an effect in the long run. Vigorous action by parachutists and troop-carrying aircraft was expected, but the scale on which it has been taken appears extraordinary. The German Command may have banked on a greater measure of success on the part of the air raiders than they have actually attained, but it is not likely to have hung its whole scheme upon such success. All's grist to Hitler's mill, and all the damage done and the confusion created by the raiders would help, even if their effect had fallen short of expectations.

In the same way we must remember that though Germany has now committed herself to the offensive in the West, brought Holland and Belgium into the war, and bombed French territory—while British and French aircraft have also bombed military objectives on hers—yet she has not so far committed more than advanced ground forces. This offensive may even now develop in a manner somewhat different to what we may call normal.

Here then, coupled with the fact that certain groups of parachutists and other air-borne troops are still holding out upon objectives which they have seized, and that at Rotterdam and The Hague these forces amount almost to small armies, is as much of the situation as has yet emerged from the fog of war. On a broader outlook it may be said that we have been given longer to prepare than we can have hoped for, even if perhaps not so long as we could have desired, and ample time to realize what form our aid to the Low Countries must assume. Memories of 1914 must arise in many minds as we see photographs of women holding out bunches of flowers to the advancing troops. In 1914 the Allies wasted time, and so wasted some of the effect of the gallant resistance of the Belgians by allowing them to be defeated piece-meal. It would be a sad misreading of the lessons of Norway should they be taken to imply that speed in itself was essentially dangerous, whereas it is in fact often an element of safety. We cannot let the bomber dictate to us until it has proved its decisive effect against well-armed troops supported by fighter aircraft, and that it has certainly not accomplished yet. Beyond that no early success should be allowed to elate us at home, and no

check should depress us, any more than the armies in the field, who will take either as all in the day's work. The campaign which has now opened, however it should develop, however widely the scope of the operations should extend, is not going to be easily won or easily lost. A grim and bitter conflict lies ahead, and it may spread far from the Low Countries where it has begun, as other conflicts have spread in the past. Yet we know where we stand; we feel that we can brace ourselves to the effort needed; we believe that, though victory may be far off, we have taken a step towards it.—"The Times" (May 14).

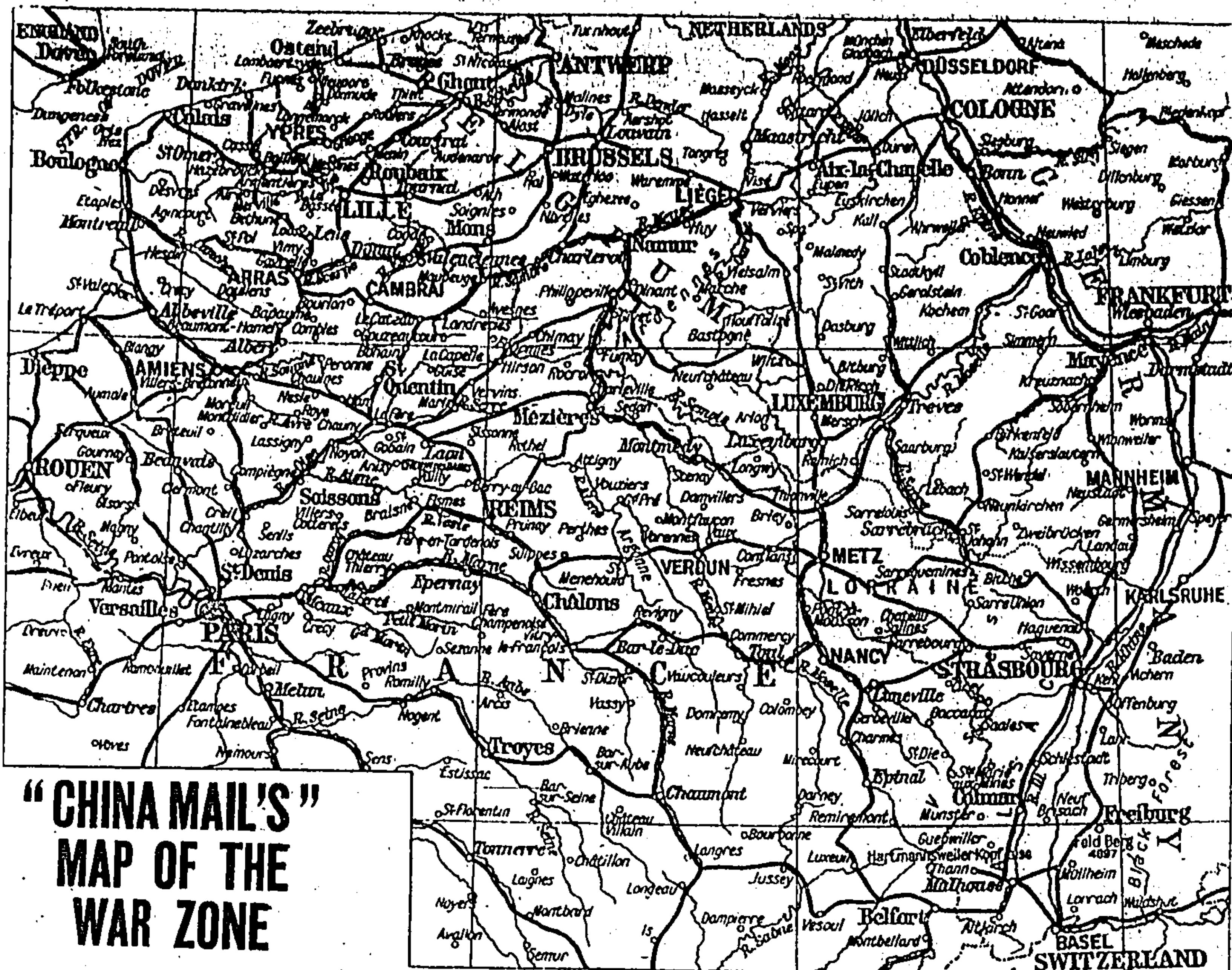
The grand strategy in all the fields must remain in the hands of the Supreme War Council—the body of statesmen, and military, naval and air experts brought together at the beginning of the war. We heard of its meeting last week, and it would have been reassuring to hear more of it in last week's debates. To this body falls or should fall the general planning and the assignment of their parts to the different Governments, whose business it then becomes to sustain these parts, to inform the Council of any difficulties or disabilities in doing so, and, when it thinks necessary, to influence the Council to change the general plan or any part of it. Only by making the supremacy of this Council a reality can a partnership of many Allies expect to be on an equality with a totalitarian enemy controlling everything from one centre.

Such a body, moreover, should remove the strategy of the war from the changes and chances of internal politics and keep the professional judgment steady against gusts of popular depression or elation, or demands for successes which could not be won without too great sacrifice. To make it function regularly without weakening the responsibilities of the separate Governments is not an easy problem, but necessity and good will working together should solve it. The knowledge that this competent body was in final control should steady nerves and set a limit to the expression of doubts and fears. Assurance that cool brains are at work is the best corrective to unsteady nerves.

THE OTHER NEUTRALS

A word remains to be said to non-totalitarian neutrals who are nervously awaiting the future. They have had their warning of the danger of the Nazi "Fifth-column" method, and have apparently profited by it. A cleaning-up from within seems everywhere to be in progress. But this in itself is not enough. These nations must by now perceive that, in proportion as they look to the Allies for help, the nervousness which prevents them even from concerting hypothetical plans those who are anxious to come to their aid, when the call comes, adds unnecessarily to the difficulties.

Again, while we make all allowance for the pressure on them from the enemy, we may ask them to realize what they are doing when they supply this enemy. It cannot be an agreeable thought to the Swedes that the products of their labour are going to the support of the army which is invading Norway and is now attacking Belgium and Holland. Nor to others who value their liberty, and see themselves next on the list of the proscribed, can it be comforting to reflect that they are, no doubt, unintentionally, but none the less effectively, protecting a large part of Germany from invasion and to that extent releasing its forces for use against their neighbours in distress. Other greater neutrals there are who look with apprehension to the spread of the war to distant seas within their spheres of influence, but these had better be left to draw their own conclusions. For us there is only one conclusion, which is that this mischief must be killed at the source.—J. A. Spender, in "The Sunday Times."



GERMAN LOSSES AT TIMES ASSUMING PROPORTIONS OF A MASS MASSACRE

London, To-day. **THE VERY HIGH CASUALTIES** suffered by the Germans in the attacks of the past few days were mentioned in French official communiques last night and unofficial reports reaching London lend further emphasis to this aspect of the fighting in Northern France and Belgium.

Losses inflicted on the Germans were described by a military spokesman in Paris as, at times, assuming the proportions of a massacre and he added that the French were amazed by the German persistence after slaughter in which whole German units were wiped out by French guns.

In their accounts of recent developments on the battle front, British correspondents also constantly refer to the magnitude of German losses and to the fact that every ounce of the enemy's strength and resources are being thrown into the present battle irrespective of the losses suffered.

In the Lys sector, says one correspondent, the Germans threw artillery, motorized troops, infantry and aviation into a determined drive to break the Belgian line but registered only slight local advantages at tremendous loss to themselves.

In the vicinity of Valenciennes, the Germans threw everything they had into two attacks on the French positions on the Scheldt but without success. The Nazis sustained enormous losses, he said.

Battleground Covered With German Dead

In the Montmedy sector, another correspondent says, German losses on Saturday were exceptionally heavy. The French, after counter-attacking, found the battle ground literally covered with enemy dead and wounded."

Referring to German air losses, the correspondent says that the enemy's losses are now estimated at 100 or 125 daily. Losses of mechanized vehicles, etc., are also reported to be on a large scale.

The same correspondent writes that, according to military circles in Paris, enormous numbers of German tanks and armoured cars have been destroyed, especially during the German advances into Picardy.—British Wireless.

B.E.F. MAIL RESTRICTED

London, To-day. **THE WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCES** THAT IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY MILITARY TRAFFIC, IT HAS BEEN FOUND NECESSARY TO CANCEL TEMPORARILY THE TELEGRAPH SERVICE TO THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS IN THE POSTAL SERVICE.

600,000 MORE MEN CALLED UP

London, To-day. Another 600,000 men will register for the armed forces before the end of June under an Order just issued requiring the 1911 Class to register on June 15 and the 1912 Class on June 22.—Reuter.

No telegrams may be sent and post offices have been instructed to refuse parcels and packets, registered letters and all letters over two ounces in weight.

Letters under two ounces will be accepted as usual.—Reuter.

APPEARANCE OF CALM NORMALITY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MEN BETWEEN 18 AND 19½ NOT YET LIABLE TO MILITARY SERVICE WILL BE ACCEPTED AS MEMBERS OF THE HOME DEFENCE FORCE.

Intensive preparations are proceeding in a spirit of eager determination, concealed under an outward appearance of calm normality.

In London, there are few apparent signs of the preparations. Transport services are completely normal and there is less interruption of civilian activity than in the first weeks of the war.

Typical of this seeming contrast was seen on Sunday when factories were working at full blast and churches were crowded to overflowing for the Day of National Prayer—a striking demonstration of the spirit in which the people of Britain are facing the grave times.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN IN THE WAR ZONE

London, To-day.

The German drive on the French coast is being watched by the British public with anxious steady gaze and unflinching resolve.

There is full appreciation of the fact that the British islands are now right in the war zone but this has done nothing to shake the faith of the British people in ultimate victory.

That faith is grounded in the confidence of the superiority man for man of the British soldier over the enemy, the strength of the British Navy, the immense economic reserves of the British Empire and the firm belief in French powers of endurance.—British Wireless.

THE WAR OFFICE CASUALTY LIST

London, To-day. The War Office Casualty List No. 5 gives the names of two officers killed, two wounded, two prisoners of war, and five other ranks killed, three died of wounds, fifteen wounded, 163 missing and 38 died.—British Wireless.

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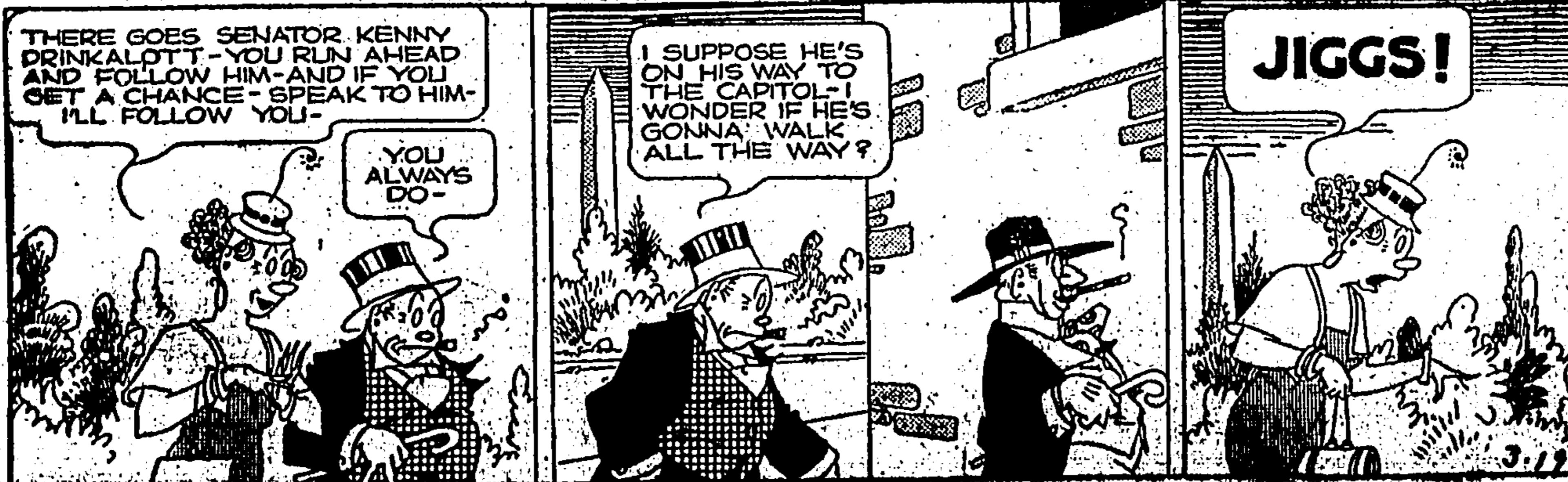
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that America could afford to face the possibility of a German defeat of the Allies and was in a position to defend its democracy against any assault by any possible combination of victorious totalitarian Powers, or on the thesis that America could not afford to allow herself to be so isolated in a hostile world but must prepare to insure against such isolation.

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The first thesis has been rejected. It was rejected months ago by President Roosevelt and his advisers. He could not then say what he was doing as plainly as he doubtless wished to say it, because the American people,

By
Robert Waithman

Comment and reaction come in. A Senator says: "We must keep our shirt on," and adds the helpless cliche of the last six months—"It's not our war." A Congressman hopefully talks of a quick German defeat. Another says: "If they overrun Europe they'll be here next—we must spend millions on re-arming."

Unhappy confused talk—and angry talk. "Nothing save honour and shame stood in Hitler's way." "The invasion touches the very depths of infamy."

And the American people—the working folk in the cities, the housewives in the suburbs, the farmers and storekeepers and little folk away out in the West are hearing and reading and talking, and wondering what it is going to mean for them.

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There's not much time at this moment for subtlety. The British must be asking, *Will America come in now?* If the question means: Will the United States declare war, raise an expeditionary force and send it to Europe, will it send the Navy or the Air Force, will it fight?

The answer may be "no," or not for some time, or not right away. But if it means: Will America help the Allies to defeat Germany, the answer I now think is "yes," for this is Total War and America is in it.

Will the British people remember that this is a nation of brave immigrants from Europe who came across the Atlantic and faced all manner of dangers and hardships, and worked gigantically to build up a new continent where they could live in peace? Will the British remember that the American people have always, all through their history, been trying to isolate themselves from Europe's wars, that their present policy is utterly consistent with their policy from the very beginning, and that, if they are now faced with the knowledge that world forces have been too much for them, and they have failed to win what they have struggled after so long, it is reason for sympathy and understanding, not for rejoicing.

United States policy had, from the first, to be based either on the thesis

showing the effect not only of the historic belief in, and the prayer for isolation, but also of twenty years of intense propaganda against any sort of involvement in Europe, were utterly in the dark (as, for so long, the British people were) on the nature of the peril that was creeping upon them.

President Roosevelt, knowing what the American people did not know and could only know when they had found it out for themselves, has been right—right when he asked for the repeal of the Arms Embargo which Congress refused until the war had begun; right when, in the phrase: "Methods short of war," he outlined the means the United States would have to adopt to help to insure against a German victory and, most of all, right in recognising that the majority of the American people would soon reach a point of wanting him to do what he was doing ahead of them.

America is in the war because, in Total War, she must be either in or out and she can't afford to be out.

This realisation is not general among the people. It is being deliberately delayed by the leaders of both the dominant political parties. The Presidential election has to be fought in November this year, and neither of the parties is willing to address the people plainly and honestly because of the risk that they would be labelled "War Party," if they did.

So there exists now what Walter Lippman has just called "The American Black-out"—the state (not so very dissimilar from the state which prevailed in England under Mr. Baldwin) in which the true understanding of their position is being withheld from the people.

But since the Allied defeat in Norway they have been finding out for themselves and now, after to-day, the process of discovery will be accelerated in spite of political silence, in spite of the election. The American people will discover why President Roosevelt has put the American Army's own newest aeroplanes at the disposal of the Allies, why he sent Ambassador Phillips to see Mussolini, why he has worked like a beaver in the last six months at methods short of war.

By George McManus



BELGIAN PREMIER'S BROADCAST

London, To-day.

The Paris radio last night broadcast a speech by the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Pierlot.

M. Pierlot announced the Belgian Cabinet met yesterday at the Belgian Embassy in Paris. The Speakers of both chambers of Parliament and other leaders were present.

The Government unanimously affirmed its will to continue the struggle until the common victory is won, and declared there would be no peace until independence was regained and the rights of Belgium restored.

M. Pierlot said the King dominated all their thoughts. He had put himself at the head of his troops and had not left them for three weeks.—Reuter.

SEQUEL TO FATAL ACCIDENT

A Peak resident, Mr. C. H. Douglas, of No. 155, The Peak, was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning on a complaint of driving his car, No. 220, without due care and caution in Castle Peak Road on May 10.

It was stated that the summons was issued following a fatal accident in Castle Peak Road, and the case was adjourned for hearing at 2.30 p.m. on June 4.

Mr. D. L. Strellett will appear for the defence and Traffic Inspector A. R. Brittain for the prosecution, while Mr. C. A. S. Russ will watch on behalf of deceased's family.

Because he had a clean record since he started driving ten years ago, Mr. A. I. Cash, of the Water Works, was cautioned for driving without lights and for failing to stop when called upon by Sergeant Moodie in Hankow Road on May 1 at 10 p.m.

Mr. Cash pleaded guilty and stated that he did not notice or see the police officer who called upon him.

HOOVER'S MUNITIONS DRIVE PROPOSAL

New York, To-day.

Ex-President Herbert Hoover, broadcasting last night, urged the creation of a United States munitions administration at Washington, with the assistant heads for labour, agriculture and industry to direct the United States defence programme.

Mr. Hoover declared: "What America must have is such defences that no European nation will even think about crossing 3,000 miles of ocean."—Reuter.

TRAMWAY FORGERY ACCUSATION

A 32-year-old shopkeeper, Chan Wing-chung, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, charged with uttering a forged monthly Tramway ticket.

Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth was for the prosecution, while Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios pleaded not guilty on behalf of the defence.

Hearing was fixed for June 3, at 2.30 p.m. Defendant was released on bail of \$500.

SWEDISH A.A. GUNS IN ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

On Saturday and Sunday, foreign planes flew over Swedish territory. Anti-aircraft guns went into action everywhere and the planes withdrew towards the Norwegian frontier.—Hayes.

DELICATE POINT FOR NAZI PLANS

Lausanne, To-day.

The "Gazette de Lausanne" says a delicate point for the German plan is the continued supply of munitions which is seriously hampered by the R.A.F., as well as supplies of petrol.

According to the experts the German troops are using petrol and crude oil in astronomical quantities to the extent that they will encounter serious difficulties if the battle lasts a long time with the same intensity.

Another factor generally regarded as decisive is the morale of the Allied troops who in tenacity concede nothing.—Reuter.

ITALIANS IN FRANCE SUPPORT ALLIES

BELFORT, TO-DAY.

THE ITALIAN EX-SERVICEMEN'S ORGANISATION IN THE DISTRICTS OF BELFORT, MONT BELIARD, AUDINCOURT AND HERIMEON-COURT HAS ISSUED AN ORDER AFFIRMING THEIR COMPLETE LOYALTY TO THE FRENCH NATION WHICH "HAS GIVEN US HOSPITALITY, WORK AND LIBERTY.

"Placing our unshakeable confidence in the victory of the Allies, we are ready to fight the barbarous German aggressors on the side of our old brothers in arms."—Reuter.

MAINTENANCE ORDER SOUGHT

Sheik Hosein Bux of No. 16, Yee Wo Street, Causeway Bay, was summoned at the instance of his wife, before Mr. R. Edwards this morning alleging persistent cruelty.

Mr. Hin-Shing Lo, for complainant, asked that defendant pay \$15 weekly till the case is over.

It is understood that Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau will be for the defence.

Defendant said he was getting \$180 per month, and had to pay \$80 monthly to his mother.

He was ordered to pay \$12 each week to complainant.

Hearing was adjourned till Tuesday next.

CHINA'S TRADE AND EUROPEAN WAR

Shanghai, To-day.

If the European war does not embroil Asia there are good prospects of increasing China's export trade, in view of the heavy Allied demands, according to well-informed circles, says the "Ta Mei Pao." Since the conflict, Chinese exports to the South Sea Islands have sky-rocketed, the report adds.—Reuter.

MANGANESE ORE FINDS IN CHINCHOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

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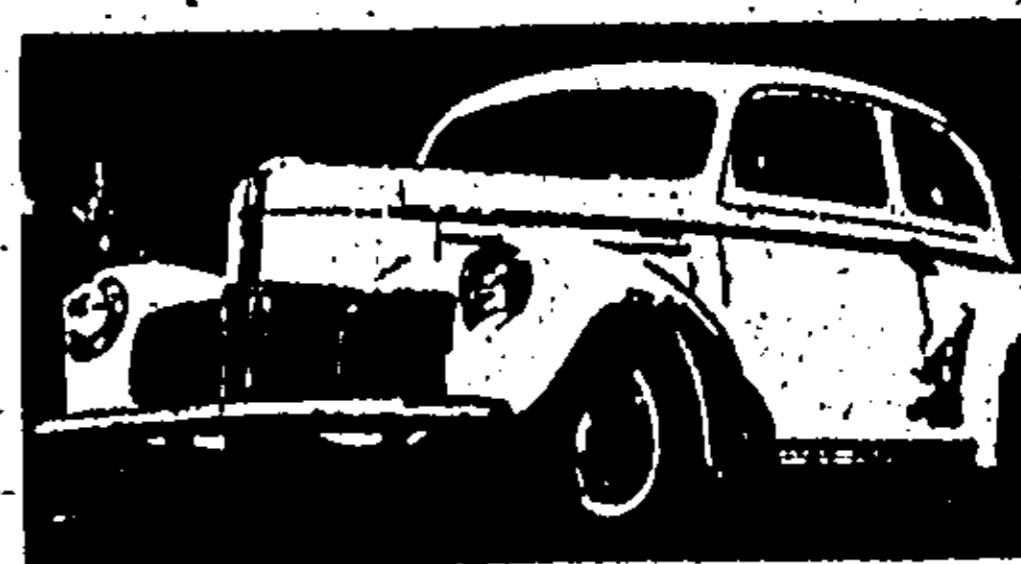
Huge deposits of manganese ore have been discovered in Chinchow province. Experts of the Manchurian Mining Development Co. estimate the deposits contain more than a million metric tons of manganese and would make Japan and Manchukuo self-sufficient. Most of the manganese used in Japan and Manchukuo is imported from India.—Hayes.

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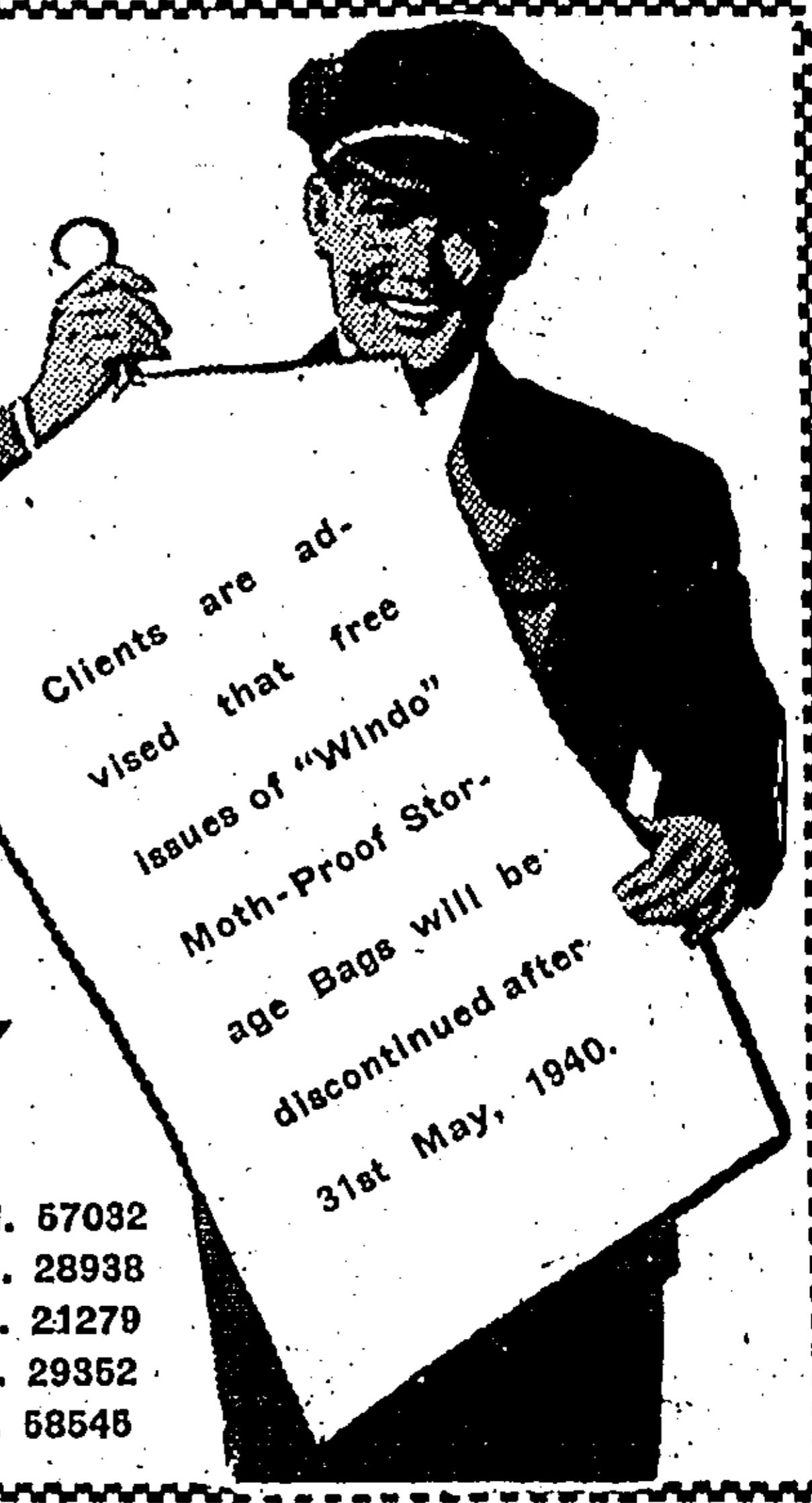
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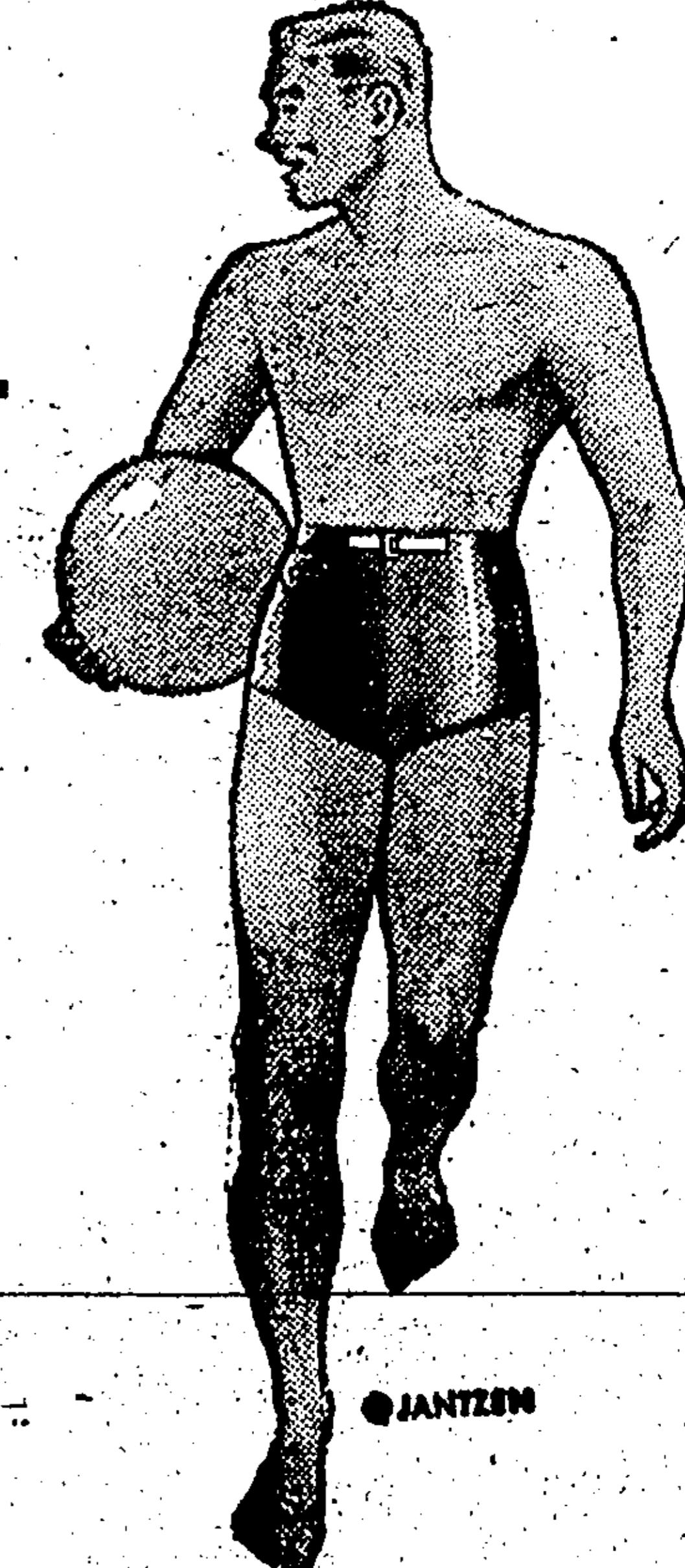
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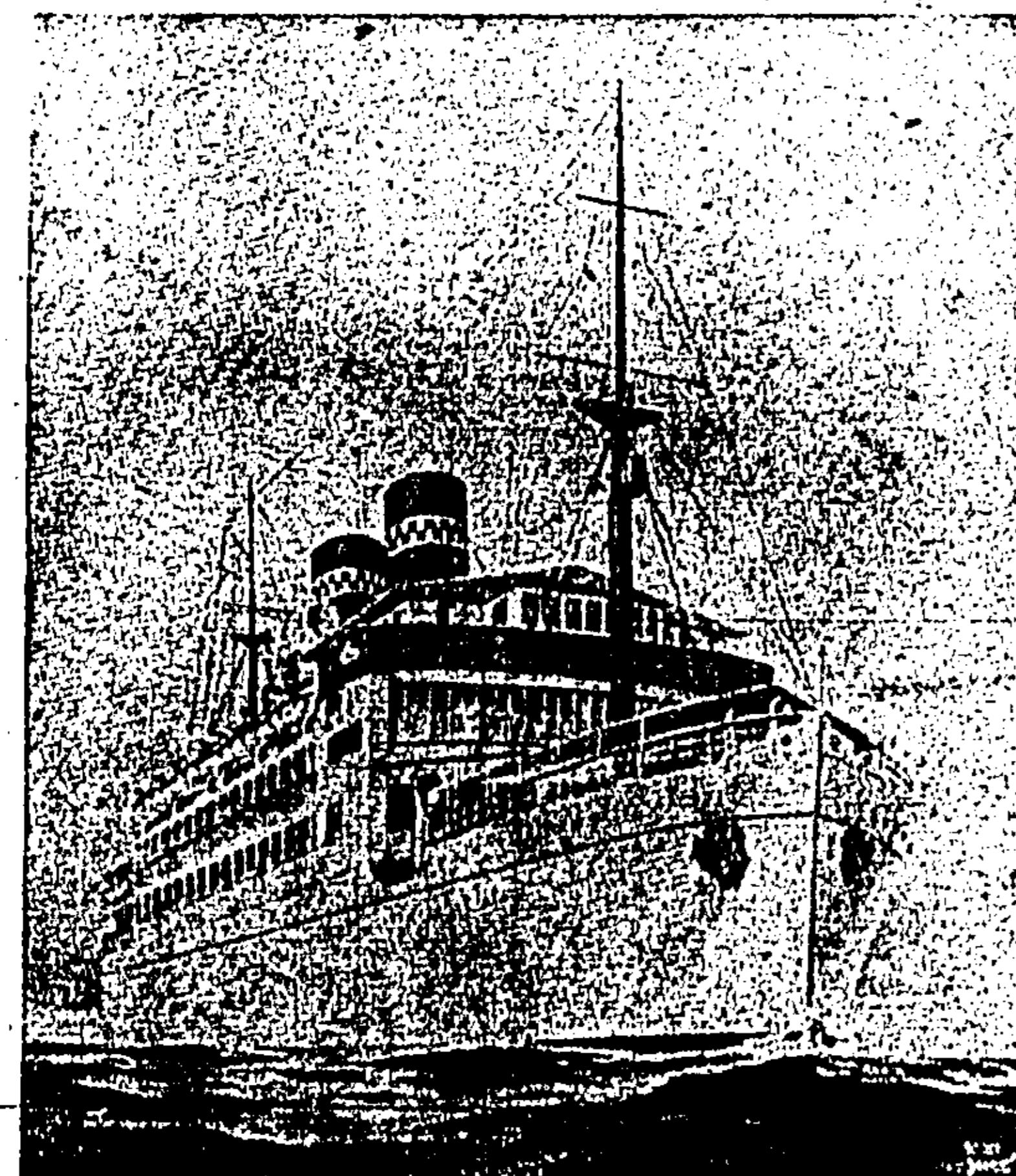


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EGYPT PREPARES: ARMIES NOW AT "ACTION STATIONS"

Cairo, To-day.

THE EXTENT OF EGYPT'S preparedness is shown in a despatch sent to the BBC by Richard Dimbleby, from Cairo.

The British and Egyptian armies have left that city, he says, and have taken up action stations. Motorised units, infantry and aircraft are all ready, and are being added to all the time in both manpower and equipment.

The Egyptian Army is ready to the last man. The Minister of National Defence says that although, unlike their officers, the private soldiers are not much interested in events on the Western Front they are very much concerned with the defence of their own country. They have been told they must fight to the last man and they are willing to do so.

They are now out in the Western desert, living in huts, tents and even in the open. They are on the doorstep of trouble and ready to deal with any invasion from land or air.

Internal Precautions

Internal precautions are the sole concern of the Egyptian Government, which has taken full steps to deal with any Quislings or Fifth Columnists.

The population is easily depressed or cheered by news and there is, therefore, a "benevolent censorship" over both incoming and outgoing news. The people have, however, been receiving full information about the Allied situation on the Western Front and the fact that the struggle is a stern one has done much to tone up public opinion and morale—which is certainly high. —Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE IN MIXED MOOD

London, To-day. Despite the extreme quietness of trading on the Stock Exchange yesterday gilt-edged securities initially improved and retained the gains. Dealings were opened in two per cent Conversion Stock at 98½, ex-dividend. Other groups drifted down on lack of support.

Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

TIN QUOTA INCREASE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

UNDER EXISTING CONDITIONS TIN CIRCLES ARE NOT SURPRISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO RAISE THE QUOTA FROM 80 TO 100 PER CENT.

It is considered the market is not likely to be materially affected. It is pointed out that actual production is not affected by the increase as the building up of minehead stocks has been proceeding for some time, while the easiness in the price in the past few days may prove sufficient to discount any depressing effect of the Committee's recommendation to the signatory Governments.—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT SPEED-UP ORGANISATION

London, To-day.

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, announces he has appointed an emergency committee to deal with the production of aircraft and equipment.

Mr. C. J. Stewart (Chairman), Sir Allan Gordon Smith and Mr. F. J. E. Brake are the members. The committee has full authority.—Reuter.

CAPT. POWER OF "ARK ROYAL" PROMOTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Captain Arthur Power, who has been in command of the "Ark Royal" since she was commissioned, has been appointed Lord High Commissioner of the Admiralty and, concurrently, Chief of Staff of the Naval Air Force. —Havas.

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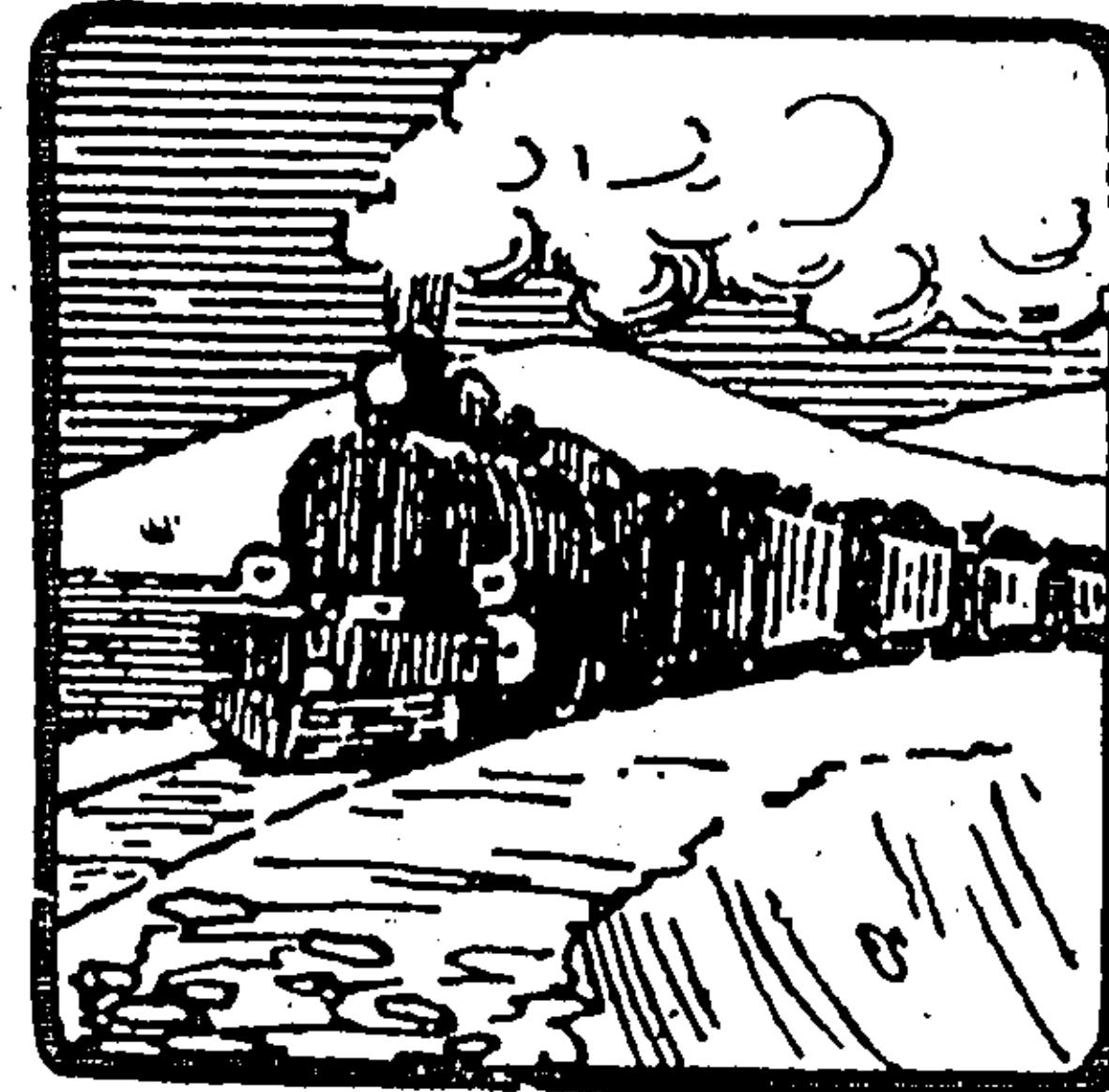


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CANADA
RISING TO
OCCASION

Ottawa, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, announced in the House of Commons yesterday the immediate expansion of the Canadian military and air forces to meet the critical situation in Europe.

The proposed increases include a veterans' reserve in addition to the veterans' home guard announced last week.

Rifle battalions are to be recruited for the Fourth Division of the Canadian active service force.

About 5,000 Canadians whose names are already on the Canadian R.A.F. list will be called up for immediate duty, also reserves of the veterans' home guard.

The Premier said factories will work 24 hours a day to produce equipment for the additional troops.—Reuter.

FRENCH
DIPLOMATIC
RESHUFFLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

An important French diplomatic reshuffle is announced in the official "Gazette."

M. Vladimir Dormesson, diplomatic editor of "Le Figaro," is appointed Ambassador to the Holy See, replacing M. Charles Roux, who was recently made Permanent Secretary to the Foreign Office.

M. de la Baume becomes Ambassador in Madrid, replacing Marshal Petain, who was brought into the Cabinet recently as Vice-Premier.

M. Charles Peyrouton, Ambassador in Buenos Aires, is transferred to Bucharest (Rumania), and will be replaced by M. Adrien Thierry, former Minister to Rumania.

M. Rene Daumale, Minister in Bogota (Colombia) is entrusted temporarily with the Consulate-General in New York.

M. Paul Lepissier is transferred from Bangkok to Caracas (Venezuela.)

M. Robert Coulondre, former Ambassador in Berlin, becomes envoy to Switzerland.—Havas.



The honeymoon is over when the bride discovers one of her main objects in life is entertaining her husband's business acquaintances.

FOOD
DEPOTS
FOR SAFETY
IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, announced yesterday that the country has been divided into 800 self-contained areas, each of which has one main and one buffer depot, making 1,600 depots in all.

Each depot has sufficient supplies of essentials to feed its population for a few weeks without any help from outside.

"It is like dividing a ship into watertight compartments," he said.

These essential food supplies include butter, margarine, cheese, sugar, flour and certain staple commodities. The depots are now being used as part of the food distribution scheme.

From June 10—when the bacon and ham rations go into effect—catering establishments and institutions will only be able to buy 50 per cent of the present authorised quantity.—Reuter.

The scheme is being put into operation to do away with any congestion on roads which might result from enemy air attack.

In each of the eight hundred divisions in Britain, the Officer-in-Charge would assume absolute control over his area should communication with headquarters be broken. Each area, in effect, was a self-supporting State.—British Wireless.



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POWELL'S HAVE GOOD YEAR

"The conditions prevailing in the Colony during the past year were favourable to your company's business, as they have been to the majority of retail concerns in the Colony" said Mr. E. M. Raymond, chairman, at the annual meeting at 12.15 p.m. to-day of William Powell, Limited.

Mr. Raymond was supported by Mr. S. H. Ross and Mr. H. Overy, directors, and Mr. W. L. Alexander, secretary. Mr. Raymond said:—

Your directors are pleased to place before you accounts showing such a satisfactory result of the year's trading. Profit for the year shows an increase of approximately \$3,000 over last year.

The conditions prevailing in the Colony during the past year were favourable to your company's business as they have been to the majority of retail concerns in the Colony. I think you will agree that such conditions are abnormal and it would be impossible to foretell how long the present situation will continue. It is too early to give any indication of our trading for the current year. I may say, however, that turnover to date compares very favourably with that of the same period last year. In view of the uncertainty of the future your directors consider that a conservative policy is advisable. They recommend therefore that of the balance at credit of profit and loss account available for appropriation the sum of \$11,000 should be placed to general reserve which will then stand at \$21,000 representing 25% of the issued capital of the company.

Turning to the balance sheet it will be noted that the value of stocks on hand is approximately the same as last year. Stocks have been conservatively valued and are readily saleable. In this connection I would like to point out that owing to the outbreak of war it may be anticipated that some difficulty will be experienced with regard to stock replacements and indications are that prices will be considerably higher than last year. Your directors have taken such steps as can reasonably be made to minimise this difficulty as far as possible and provided orders already forwarded for replacement of stocks can be fulfilled satisfactorily the company's business should not suffer unduly.

CASH BUSINESS
Sundry debtors are approximately \$4,000 less than last year. Full provision has been made for doubtful debts and the greater portion of the amount shown has since been collected. The reduction in sundry debtors is an indication of the considerable increase in cash business as against credit business.

On the liability side it will be noted that sundry creditors are greater by approximately \$8,000 than at February 28, 1939. Creditors shown under "Trade and Sundry" amounting to \$23,490.41 including a liability in respect of goods in transit of \$16,220.20 have since been paid.

In conclusion I feel that I am expressing the wishes of shareholders in thanking Mr. Overy and his Staff for their services during the year. In-

CHINA EMPORIUM PROFITS

The setting aside of a sum from profit to meet payment under the War Revenue-Ordinance accounted for the increased carry over to new account, said Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, chairman of the board of directors, at the eighth annual meeting of the China Emporium Ltd., held yesterday.

In spite of disturbed conditions, a better turnover was reported, and payment of a dividend of 80 cents per share was announced.

In his report, the chairman said:—

The profit for the period from April 1, 1939, to March 31, 1940, together with the balance brought forward from last account, amounts to \$302,733.17, which your Directors recommend should be dealt with as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 80 cents per share \$106,963.20.

To write off Land and Building \$70,000.00.

To write off Furniture and Fixtures \$27,000.00.

To bonus to Founders, Directors, Managers, and Staff \$25,091.15.

To carry forward to the credit of a new account \$73,678.82.

The third drawing for the redemption of the Company's Debentures for the current year is to take place on July 1. According to the terms of issue of the Company's Debentures, the amount of \$100,000, is to be paid; but in view of the improved financial position of the Company, your Directors have decided to pay an extra \$50,000, making a total redemption of \$150,000 for the current year thus reducing the liability of the Company and further improving our financial position.

CHOICEST OF GOODS

It has always been the policy of our Company to keep in stock the choices of goods conforming to the latest fashions and to sell them to our customers at reasonably low prices. For this reason we have always enjoyed the support of the buying public, and I take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation of their patronage.

Messrs. T. N. Chau, Chau Man-chi, and Fung Ping-fan were re-elected directors, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors for the coming year.

Supporting the chairman were Mr. M. Chan Harr, managing director, Messrs. T. N. Chau, Li Tse-fong, P. K. Kwok, Kan Tong-po, Fung Fook-tien, Chan Tse-kei, Chau Man-chi and Fung Ping-fan and a large number of shareholders.

Increased turnover has meant increased work for the staff and they have carried out their duties admirably.

Since the date of the last General Meeting an invitation was extended to Mr. S. Hampden Ross to join the Board, which was accepted.

Resolutions were passed unanimously adopting the report and accounts, paying a dividend of 20 cents and a bonus of 10 cents a share on 42,000 shares, transferring \$11,000 to general reserve and carrying forward \$1,183.66; re-electing Mr. Raymond as a director; re-appointing Linstead and Davis auditors at \$925 a year.

THE NEW LIGHT BREW

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IDEAL FOR SUMMER

NEW WAR OFFICE ASSISTANT

London, To-day.

The War Office announces that Lt.-Gen. Haining, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command, has been appointed Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

General Sir Henry Jackson is appointed to the Western Command.

Major-General B. K. T. Paget, Commander of the 18th Division, is appointed Chief of General Staff of the Home Forces, with acting rank of Lt.-Gen.—Reuter.

Right Men Chosen

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL IRONSIDE AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE HOME FORCES AND GENERAL DILL AS CHIEF OF IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF, THE BRITISH PRESS WELCOMES THIS AS EVIDENCE THAT THE RIGHT MEN HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO FILL THESE POSITIONS.

The possibility of a German invasion is faced by the British Press, although the "Yorkshire Post" says that if Hitler invades Britain he will be taking the greatest gambling risk of his career.

General Ironside's task is one of extreme difficulty and responsibility, says "The Times." General Dill, with his habitual coolness, was the inevitable choice for Chief of Imperial General Staff.

The "Daily Mail" says that we realised the full extent of the peril and are facing it. That way lies victory. We have also had all the warning we need about "Fifth Columns" and have taken measures to destroy them.—Reuter.

P.I. SPORTS CONTINGENT ARRIVE

The remaining members of the Philippines sports contingent en route to participate in a series of events in Japan, arrived this morning.

The footballing section will loosen up this afternoon on the South China ground at Caroline Hill commencing at 2 p.m..

The party leaves for the north at 5 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

H.K.E.R.C.

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday against Hong Kong Football Club at Happy Valley.

A. G. Gardner, W. E. Baker, J. F. Lunney and A. F. Paul (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, S. Derron and J. K. Sloan (skip); W. Stoker, R. A. Owens, G. T. Padgett and G. G. S. Thompson (skip).

Reserve:—W. E. Macfarlane.

H.K.F.C.

Following are some of the Bowls teams on Saturday:—

First Division (v I.R.C., At Away):—A. B. Didsbury, G. E. Stephens, A. Brookbank, N. J. Bebbington, (skip); J. Watson, J. H. Gelling, L. E. Lammert, K. S. Robertson (skip); J. S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, G. Duncan, W. Gill (skip).

Third Division (v H.K.E.R.C., At Home):—A. Watson, F. Flippance, B. I. Bickford, G. S. Graver (skip); F. Anslow, C. G. Solis, B. A. Mansell, H. G. Wallington (skip); H. H. Beddow, T. R. Rowell, J. I. Barnes, S. H. Strange (skip).

Police Cricket Dinner

Police Recreation Club will celebrate their success in Junior Division of the Hong Kong Cricket League with a dinner at the club on Friday evening.

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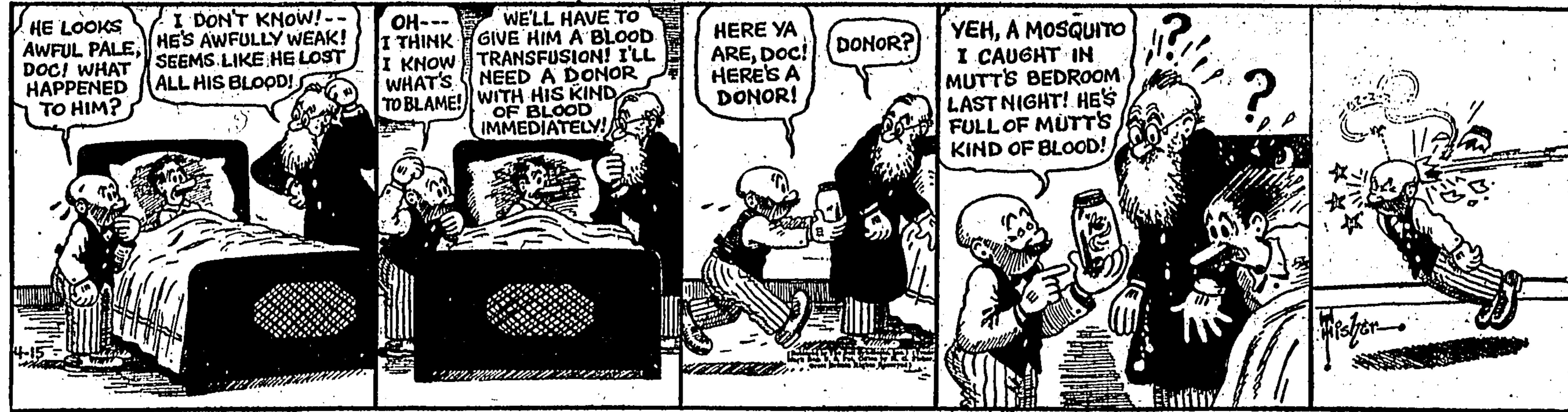
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To-day's Wireless

Debussy
Compositions

6.00 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—The Swan Lake—Ballet Music. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.
 6.35 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
 6.37 p.m.—A Concert by Richard Crooks (Tenor) and Essie Ackland (Contralto).
 7.00 p.m.—Compositions of Debussy. "The Children's Corner" Suite.... Alfred Cortot (Piano).
 Nuit D'Etoiles... Helene Ludolph (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore and Organ accomp. by Herbert Dawson.
 Petite Suite.... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Piero Coppola.

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7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
 8.03 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and the Orchestre Raymonde. Dance of the Merry Mascots (Ketelbey)... Orchestre Raymonde.
 D'Amour En Amour (Delettre); La Baigneuse (Delettre)... Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra.
 A Musical Snuff Box (Liadow); Parade of the City Guards (Jessel)... Orchestre Raymonde.

En Se Regardant (Delettre); Chez Moi (de Misraki) ... Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra.
 Only A Rose (from "The Vagabond King"—Friml); Song of the Vagabonds (from "The Vagabond King"—Friml)... Orchestre Raymonde.
 8.32 p.m.—Sea Songs.
 8.45 p.m.—Studio—The "Toast" Series on Naval Occasions No. 1: Reserve Fleet.
 8.57 p.m.—Short Variety Programme. Comedienne—My Young Man's Ever So Nice (Vivian Ellis); Dennis, The Menace from Venice (Pola) ... Effie Atherton with Orch.

Humorous Monologues—Reading to the Children (Marshall); The Botany Class (Marshall)... Arthur Marshall.

Comedienne — A Perfect Lady (Pherns & Gwyn); Women In Love (Rutherford & Wilcock)... Doris Palmer with Piano.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News-Summary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—A Topical Talk.

9.45 p.m.—Cesar Franck—Sonata in A Major. Alfred Cortot (Piano) and Jacques Thibaud (Violin).

10.13 p.m.—Respighi—The Birds—A Suite for Small Orchestra. Brussels Royal Conservatoire Orchestra conducted by Desire Defauw.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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A RUINOUS OPENING LEAD

Following the completion of to-day's hand there was considerable dissatisfaction.

North and South vulnerable
Part score of 40

♠ 10 6 3
 ♦ K 4
 ♦ A K 2
 ♣ K Q 6 5 4
 ♠ 9
 ♦ Q J 10 9
 ♦ 8 7 2
 ♦ 3
 ♣ J 9 8 7
 ♠ A K 8 7 2
 ♦ —
 ♦ Q J 10 9 7 5
 ♣ 10 2

The bidding:

South West North East
 10 3♦ 5♦ Pass
 6♦ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the nine of spades, the ten was played by dummy, East played the Jack and Declarer won with the King. He then played the Queen of diamonds, then another diamond over to dummy's King, played the six of spades from dummy and let it ride.

He now drew East's last trump, finessed the spade again, conceded one club trick and made his contract.

East was naturally very annoyed at his partner's opening lead which showed Declarer the exact location of the spade suit. Strangely enough the principal annoyance was that of South against his partner for jumping to five diamonds with only three trumps. We are rather inclined to agree with South. On the other hand it must be pointed out that North had a tremendous hand and the three-heart bid

made it very difficult for him to show the exact nature of his strength. He felt that with 40 on score he could not make his normal bid of four clubs since conceivably South could pass that.

However let's go back to West's opening lead. He violated a principle for which he paid heavily, namely—never lead a "blind" singleton when holding only one trump.

* * * Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and held:

♠ Q 10 x x x
 ♦ x
 ♦ K x x x
 ♣ K x x

The bidding:
 Maier Burnstone You Schenken
 1♣ Pass 1♦ 2♦
 3♦ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four clubs. Even though your partner has cue-bid hearts, your singleton heart should be of value to him.

Score 100% for four clubs, 60% for three spades (your partner might assume you have a better spade suit), 0 for three notrump (indicates wrong type of hand and is unsound), 0 for five clubs (an overbid).

QUESTION NO. 421
 Howard Schenken is your partner and you hold:

♠ A Q x x
 ♦ —
 ♦ K Q x x
 ♣ K 10 x x x

The bidding:
 Schenken Burnstone You
 1♦ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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REMEMBER
THE
IROQUOIS?

New York, To-day.

Officials of the United States Lines stated yesterday they had not been officially informed of the Berlin report, published in the newspapers here alleging that the safety of the refugee liner "President Roosevelt" is threatened.

The "President Roosevelt" is to bring Americans back from Europe.

The officials added they were not going to wireless the ship's master about the report, which was issued by the German official news agency in Berlin.

The German report said "a trustworthy source" in Boston, Massachusetts, had revealed the British were planning to blow up the liner during her return trip to the United States from Galway loaded with Americans.

The British would then charge it to the Germans, thus arousing American sentiment to bring the United States into the war at the Allies' side! —Reuter.

SUNDAY HERALD
CUP ALLOCATION

The following are the allocations of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup Competition made at the last meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$700.00
Industrial Home for Blind Girls	\$200.00
Sailors' Home and Mission to Seamen	\$250.00
St. John's Ambulance Brigade	\$400.00
Little Sisters of the Poor—Home for the Aged	\$400.00
Hong Kong Benevolent Society	\$600.00
Canossian Institute for Blind	\$300.00
Society for Protection of Children	\$650.00
Children's Playground Association	\$300.00
Cheero Club	\$300.00
Chinese Sisters of the Precious Blood	\$200.00
Sailors' and Soldiers' Home	\$400.00
Salvation Army	\$500.00
South China Athletic Free Schools	\$200.00
Chinese Seamen's Mission	\$100.00
St. Louis Industrial School	\$200.00
Hong Kong Branch of the National Association for the care of War Orphans	\$400.00
Queen Mary's Hospital Xmas Tree Fund	\$50.00
Boys' and Girls' Club Association	\$200.00
Garrison Ladies Help Society	\$200.00
New Territory Relief Association	\$150.00
Amenities for Interned Soldiers	\$200.00
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BASEBALL CLUB'S LAPSE IN THE FOURTH INNING

Thrills In Closing Stages Of Match INEXPLICABLE ERROR OF TACTICS BY "DOC" MOLTHEN

By "Grandstand"

ALTHOUGH THEY LOST their game against Chung Hwa on Saturday, Hong Kong Baseball Club astonished their most ardent followers, when Bill Smith limited the Abemen to four scattered hits and his mates backed him up brilliantly with only two foozles in seven frames, against Chung Hwa's four miscues.

Two errors for a team that has never played together before and has not had a single practice before their first League outing, is great going for the Molthenmen.

Hong Kong Baseball Club were blanked in the first stanza. Chung Hwa in their turn to bat squeezed one tally across when Nip "the Cushion robber" Lum counted on a hit and a double steal. The Hong Kongites tied the score with one run in the second frame. Waggoner doubled, which was the longest hit of the tilt, and romped home on Freddie Barros' single to centre field.

The Molthenmen jumped ahead with two runs in the third frame. Joe Higgins, after one away, rapped a singling single to centre field and Caco Marques was given free pass to first. While the Chinese batterymen were taking a nap both Caco and Higgins pilfered home.

Up to the second half of the fourth it was a pitcher's battle.

Bill Smith was mowing them down like Old Man Time with his scythe with proper backing from his fielders, and Bill Chang was doing equally well for Chung Hwa.

But then, unexpectedly, Bill Smith slipped a cog in the fourth frame. Papa Bear Smith ambled to the mound in this inning with full confidence and it seemed that he would strike out the next three batters who comprised the tail end of Chung Hwa's batting list, but fate dictated otherwise.

Bill put on the pressure but he pressed too hard!

Al Lau walked and reached second on a wild heave by Bill himself. Richard Chung was also given free transportation to the initial sack and P. E. Choy followed to work Smith for the third Annie Oakley in a row and bases were loaded. Bill Chang sacrificed a grounder to first-sacker Ernie Hearther to score Al Lau.

NIP LUM MENACE

Now, the head of Chung Hwa's batting order was coming up and none other than Nip Lum was in the batter's box, with runners on third and second, and one away. Smith was in a real spot. Nip laid a bunt straight to the pitcher and Richard Chung was charging fast from the hot corner. Smith scooped the pellet and tossed it to Pinky Higgins, but Higgins thinking it was a forced play failed to tag Chung before he tossed a woolly one over hapless Ernie Hearther's head in trying to nail Nip Lum at first. Both Chung and Choy tallied on the bonehead and the score was now 5-3 in favour of Chung Hwa.

The fifth. Most of the spectators who were rooting for the Molthenmen were murmuring for action, shouting "get those runs back" but, despite the crowd's encouragement, the Hong Kongites were blanked. The Abemen garnered two more counts in this frame to sew up the game.

In the sixth both teams were scoreless. Now came the eventful seventh inning, and the stands were still shrieking for action.

Ernie Hearther grounded to the keystone and was safe on the bobble

by Choy. Fettinghoff reached first on a fielder's choice but Ernie Hearther was forced at second for the first era- sure. Joe Higgins belted another safety to centre field for his third hit in four times up and Fettinghoff advanced to second. Caco Marques got a life when Babe Chinn muffed a fly off Caco's bat.

Bases were now loaded, with only one away, after Charlie Figueiredo worked Bill Chang for a free pass. A chant started in the grandstand and rose to a roar.

Abe Liu, strategist that he is, saw that Bill Chang was in a bad hole and Wally Ching was transferred to the hillock from shortfield. Wally hadn't warmed up much but he worked carefully on Hanus Waggoner. Hanus chose a stick with great care and then stroke jauntily to the plate, took a last look at the murmuring supporters and proceeded to strike out with tremendous zest and finality.

Two outs and Bill Smith was slated to be up.

Ordinarily a pinch hitter would have been the order of the day but Doc Molthen must have been hypnotised when he failed to put a pinch hitter for Smith, thinking it was only the sixth inning.

TOO MUCH FOR BILL

Anyway Bill did his best with the stick but after clouting a sizzling hit in the sixth it would have been too much for Bill to rap another one at this stage. Bill let the first ball go and the ump called it "ball one". Papa Bear swung at the next one and missed it by a foot. Wally Ching was cool as a cucumber on the mound. He glanced towards the occupied cushions and then shot a fast one at the plate. Smith swung and missed again. "Strike two" barked chief Umpire Poochie Chase. After some preparation Wally threw another one right over the plate but Bill Smith must have thought the pitch was a bit low and let it pass. The ump jerked his thumbs up and the game was over. The crowd emitted a "Ya-a-ah"! that was heard on the other side of Caroline Hill but umpire Poochie stuck to his guns.

R. H. E.
C. Hwa 1 0 0 4 2 0 x-7 4 4
H.K.B.C. 0 1 2 0 0 0 1-4 8 2

Sunday's Games

In the first game of a double-header on Sunday Mindanao subdued Royal Engineers, 15-7. Although outplayed by the more experienced blue-jackets the Sappers fought every inch of the way and they put everything they had on the game.

Fans and opponents alike have nothing but admiration for the R.E.'s in the way they are taking to the sport, and in the way they conduct themselves on the field.

A better bunch of sportsmen could not be found on any field than these Sappers; defeat or no defeat, their spirits are never daunted.

BASEBALL SCORES AT A GLANCE

LEAGUE	7 H.K. Baseball Club 4
Chung Hwa	15 Royal Engineers 7
Mindanao	3 H. B. 1
Ashville	

Flash Radcliff was on the hillock for the Sappers in four innings when he was relieved by Denyer in the fifth. Flash fanned one and walked three while Denyer whiffed one. Tony was on the firing line for the Chasemen. He struck out no fewer than 10 of the enemy but this is no indication of his superb hurling as the Sappers were too anxious and were swinging on everything that came over. Tony only walked one.

"Horseface" Douglas banged the longest blow of the fray when he tripped in the first inning with one on board. Other long distance hits were a double apiece for Padgett, Muscavage, Foley and Denyer.

R. H. E.
Mindanao 2 2 2 7 0 2 x-15 9 2
R.E. 3 0 0 0 1 3 0-7 6 11

Augmented by Douglas and Poochie Chase, H.B. bowed to U.S.S. Ashville in a friendly game. This proved to be the most interesting game of the week-end as the low score would indicate.

Powlawski went great guns on the slab for Ashville. He only allowed two measly hits, struck out eight and walked one. Madeen Arculli was not so lucky on the mound, he fanned six, passed one and yielded six safeties.

Dave Leonard's two bagger was the only long hit of the fracas. Williamson, Ashville's second baseman, took batting honours with a .500 average in four times up.

R. H. E.
Ashville 3 0 0 0 0 0 0-3 6 1
H.B. et al 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-1 2 3

League Standing

	W.	L.	P.C.
Chung Hwa	2	0	1.000
Mindanao	2	0	1.000
H. B.	0	1	.000
H. K. B. C.	0	1	.000
Engineers	0	2	.000
South China	0	0	.000

HOME CRICKET

FRESHMEN IN THE NEWS

A Reuter's cricket cable received and published a few weeks ago mentioned Conradi and Bridger as playing for Cambridge against A British Empire team.

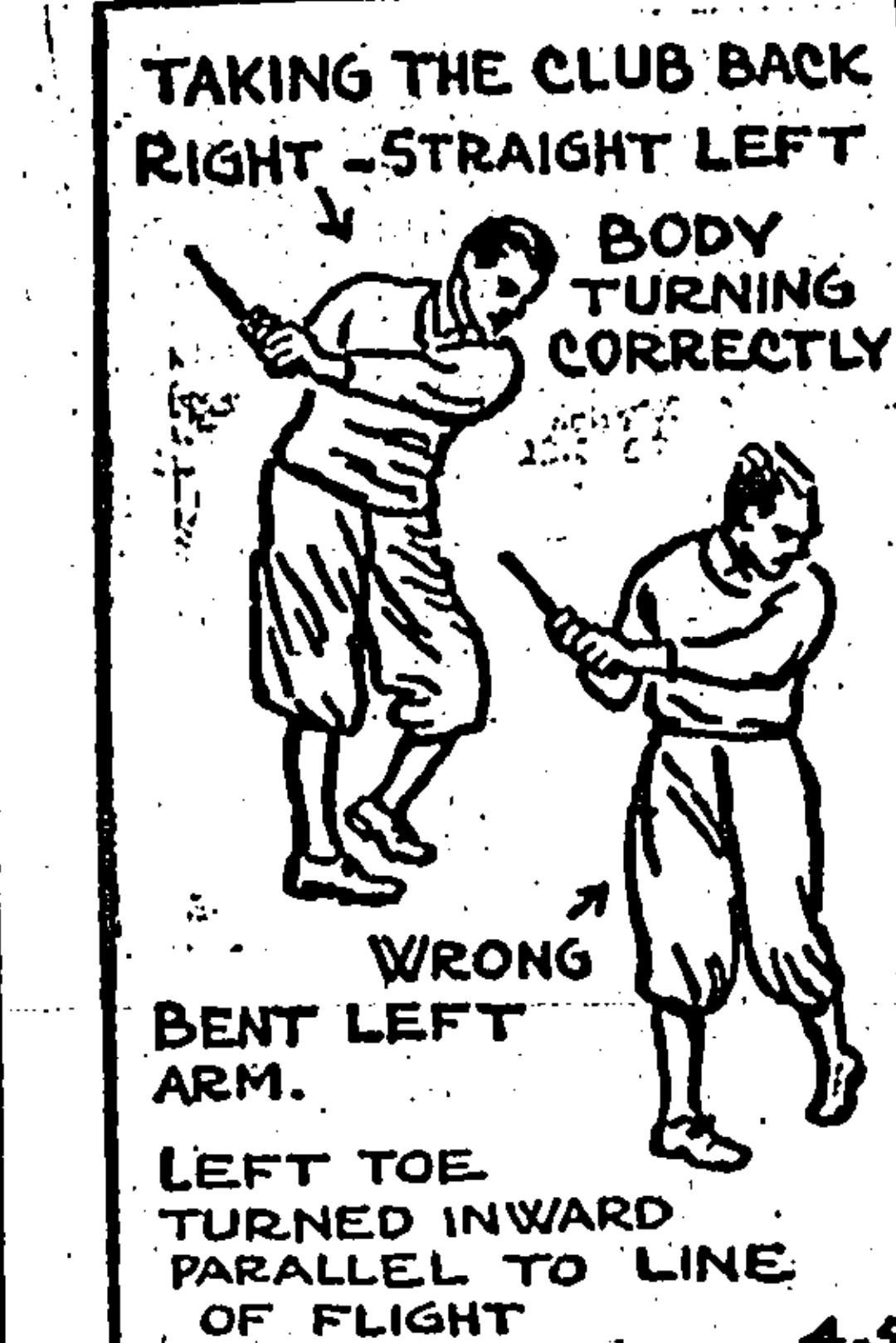
Here are some details of the match as published in a London daily.

The honours of the day went to Conradi and Bridger, each of whom followed his captain's century by reaching three figures. These two Freshmen presented a distinct contrast in styles. Conradi, a left-hander, drove fiercely and hit to leg freely, scoring his 164 in two hours 35 minutes. He gave three chances late in his innings and hit 24 4's. Bridger, more subdued but more correct, took nearly four and a half hours over his 145, which included 18 4's. His fourth-wicket partnership with Conradi produced 234 runs.

Score: BRITISH EMPIRE XI
First Innings
D. F. R. Emus, 1-b.w., b. Webster 43
C. L. Walker, b. Webster 14
W. F. Bebbington, b. Webster 8
N. W. D. Yardley, b. Bridger 24
J. B. Emtage, c. Webster 20
J. G. W. Davies, c. Bell, b. Webster 6
Bye, 1; 1-b., 5 6
Total (4 wkt.) 120
Bowling—First Innings—Webster, 5
55; White, 1 for 14; Bridger, 4 for 25.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
First Innings
J. R. Thompson, c. sub., b. Rock 100
N. M. Mischler, b. Davies 43
G. P. Baylis, c. Emtage, b. Peall 12
J. R. Bridger, not out 145
E. R. Conradi, c. Yardley, b. Skea 164
D. G. Lacy-Scott, b. Skea 25
W. N. White, not out 11
Byes, 14; 1-b., 3 16
Total (8 wkt.) 215
* Innings declared closed.
D. H. A. Bell, H. J. C. Bashford, M. R. G.
Earle-Davies and J. Webster did not go in.
Bowling—Rock 1 for 25; Skea 3 for 125.
Davies 1 for 75; Peall 1 for 77.

GRAPHIC GOLF



THE CORRECT BACKSWING

By BEST BALL

The actual moment of contact between the clubhead and the ball is actually the point which determines how well hit the shot is. However the mechanics of the stroke leading up to this point play an important part in the proceedings. The stroke made along fundamental lines has a much better chance of being successful than one constructed along a crazy quilt pattern of body motions. In the above illustration for example, Bobby Jones is shown taking the club back in the accepted correct form. The straight left arm is pushing the club back while the body turn is coordinating with it. The left heel off the turf, the left ankle turned slightly inward, frees the left side so that the left hip can turn in a relaxed rhythmical motion with and in the direction of the hands. The ultimate result is bodily wind up not unlike a coiled spring with the major balance at the top of the stroke on the right foot.

In the lower example the golfer makes no pretense of pushing the club back, instead he is lifting it, bending the left arm to accommodate the process. To further confuse the stroke, the player has pivoted his left toe until it points rearward, turning the entire leg in this position. To attempt to swing down smoothly, while straightening this bodily position out is a well nigh hopeless task.

Next Article:—In the Trap.

The Stableford competition held at Fanling during the past week-end was won by Captain J. Reidy, who returned a score of 23+16=39 points, over the Old Course. There were 18 entrants.

Lawn Bowls Open Rinks And Pairs Draw

THE COMPETITION Committee of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association met last night and the draws for the First Round of the Open Pairs and Open Rinks Competition were made.

The first games of the Open Pairs will be played on Monday when no less than 18 games will be played on both sides of the harbour.

The First Round of the Open Rinks will be played on Sunday, June 9.

The holders of the Open Pairs (F. V. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves) and Open Rinks (F. A. Machado, C. M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. M. Silva) have received byes into the Second Round.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

At Craigengower C.C.:—T. Lock and W. K. Way v J. W. Leonard and M. J. Medina; R. Basa and J. S. Landolt v A. M. Rumjahn and K. M. Omar.

At Kowloon F.C.:—A. Hyde Lay and A. J. Hall v S. H. Hill and R. S. Meadows; W. Harrower and H. L. Lockhart v C. H. Basto and J. J. Basto; L. F. Xavier and R. F. Luz v W. Glendinning and L. Glendinning.

At Police R.C.:—J. S. Riddell and J. C. Aitken v J. W. MacDonald and R. MacKenzie; F. A. Cheeseman and G. E. F. Thompson v D. Munro and R. Main; L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro v A. W. Hircock and T. M. Pile.

At Kowloon B.G.C.:—J. S. Howell and R. C. Craig v R. Williamson and C. S. M. Thom; F. M. N. da Silva and F. A. Xavier

v U. M. Omar and A. M. Omar; W. J. Buring and M. N. Rakusen v C. Mose and W. J. Howard.

At Civil Service C.C.:—J. Watson and J. H. Gelling v A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu; J. A. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez v E. G. Post and A. E. Carey.

At Kowloon Docks R.C.:—A. Eastman and J. C. Brown v J. N. Sweeney and J. Revie; C. H. Fuller and W. J. Mezger v Y. H. Tang and J. N. Wong; W. Hillion and T. F. Stalton v C. Woodcock and R. O. Hughes.

At Hong Kong F.C.:—J. Pau and G. S. Ladd v W. L. Walker and J. Deakin; W. J. Penney and A. E. Coates v J. F. McGowan and H. E. Strange.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

At Club de Recreio:—A. Jillot and W. J. Bagley v E. C. Flincher and J. Fraser; J. H. Xavier and A. A. Lewis v B. D. Evans and R. Hall.

At Kowloon F.C.:—J. E. Noronha and C. G. Silva v A. Bower and G. H. Sherriff.

At Craigengower C.C.:—E. Levett and R. Duncan v M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

At Civil Service C.C.:—W. Mulcahy and T. W. Carr v A. J. Coelho and A. W. Phelps; L. Gaddi and C. S. Rosselot v K. M. Rumjahn and S. M. Rumjahn; W. Melrose and J. C. Chalmers v S. R. Solina and C. W. Lam.

At Kowloon B.G.C.:—W. McLeod, W. S. Dall, J. Orem and J. C. S. Fender v J. A. Luz, B. Basto, A. N. Other and A. P. Gu-

MASONIC LAWN BOWLS MATCH

The Annual Masonic Inter-
Constitution Bowls match will
be played on June 23.

Open Pairs

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

At Civil Service C.C.:—J. C. Remedios, C. C. Pereira, O. P. Remedios, and E. de Souza v J. W. Leonard, Y. A. Razack, L. C. R. Souza and W. K. Way; C. Mose, H. A. Castro, H. Gittins and A. H. Basto v E. G. Post, W. Cameron, G. Perkins and A. E. Carey; C. W. Lam, W. McNeill, N. P. Karanja, and E. Zimmer v L. J. Silva, A. M. Rodrigues, F. V. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves.

At Craigengower C.C.:—C. Bovaird, T. Grimes, J. A. Watson and R. M. Keown v C. J. Walker, J. Lord, A. Steven and S. E. Eccleshall; F. Hillion, J. Waid, W. P. Seath and T. F. Stalton v Y. H. Tang, T. K. Lim, H. Y. Hsu and J. N. Wong.

At Kowloon F.C.:—N. B. Fraser, J. W. MacDonald, R. MacKenzie and W. E. Hollands v J. W. Elphick, C. E. Langley, J. S. Hammond and L. A. Jordan; A. Lapsley, R. H. Lapsley, R. Lapsley and F. Cullen v A. A. Razack, K. M. Omar, A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar; J. S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, N. J. Bebbington and A. Brooksbank v A. W. Hircock, J. W. Fitzgerald, S. Hodge and W. J. Bagley.

At Kowloon B.G.C.:—W. McLeod, W. S. Dall, J. Orem and J. C. S. Fender v J. A. Luz, B. Basto, A. N. Other and A. P. Gu-

"B" DIVISION TENNIS PAIRINGS

The following are the "B" Division League lawn tennis pairings:

J. Leonard and W. H. Leo (C.C.C.)	6	0	6
G. Lai and H. N. Wong (C.C.C.)	6	1	5
Col. Smith and Capt. Hyde (A.T.C.)	6	2	4
A. Kitchell and W. Howard (C.C.C.)	6	2 1/2	3 1/2
M. A. Oliveira and W. A. Reed (C.D.R.)	6	2 1/2	3 1/2
F. Gross and D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
W. T. Lee and W. H. Ho (S.C.A.A.)	3	0	3
A. M. Rodrigues and C. A. Barreto (C.D.R.)	3	0	3
N. A. E. Mackay and R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	6	3 1/2	2 1/2
T. C. Iu and D. C. Luk (C.R.C.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
K. C. Ng and P. F. Choy (C.R.C.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
F. H. Kwok and Lam Kwan (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
T. J. Gould and T. C. Monaghan (H.K.C.C.)	3	1	2
Dew Chok-him and Ip Koon-hung (S.C.A.A.)	3	1	2
O. L. Pahg and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.)	3	1	2
T. E. Ling and Billy Yu (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
H. Lin and B. P. C. Fletcher (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
G. A. White and R. S. Capell (K.C.C.)	6	4	2
Col. Newnham and Capt. Loch (A.T.C.)	6	4	2
I. and B. Agafuroff (C.S.C.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
M. O. Hoosen and D. M. A. Razack (I.R.C.)	3	2 1/2	1/2
J. A. Bendall and W. J. Skinner (C.S.C.C.)	3	2	1
A. R. Kitchell and O. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	3	2	1
A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	3	2	1
Dr. A. H. Barwell and J. J. Ferguson (H.K.C.C.)	3	2	1
H. K. Ho and L. K. Ma (S.C.A.A.)	3	2	1
B. T. Gosano and A. E. Xavier (C.D.R.)	3	2	1
D. Hung and R. E. Lee (K.C.C.)	3	3	0
D. Hollidge and J. Wardle (C.S.C.C.)	3	3	0
E. Bathurst and W. H. Jowit (H.K.C.C.)	3	3	0
Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Whakes (A.T.C.)	3	3	0
Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Megson (A.T.C.)	3	3	0
A. M. Rodrigues and B. T. Gosano (C.D.R.)	3	3	0
L. A. Carvalho and F. J. Remedios (C.D.R.)	3	3	0

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's League Tennis programme and some of the teams:

A. T. C.	v.	C. S. C. C.
G. R. C.	v.	C. D. R.
K. T. G. C. A.	v.	C. C. C.
K. C. C.	v.	H. K. C. C.
I. R. C.	v.	S. C. A. A.
C. S. C. I.	v.	B. Agafuroff; J. A. Bendall and W. J. Skinner; D. Hollidge and J. Wardle.
C. R. C.	v.	C. F. Choy, D. C. Luk and T. C. Iu; K. L. Ho and P. C. Leung.
C. D. R.	v.	M. A. Oliveira and W. A. Reed; A. M. Rodrigues and C. A. Barreto; B. T. Gosano and A. E. Xavier.
C. C. C.	v.	J. W. Leonard and W. H. Lee; A. Kitchell and W. Howard; G. Lai and H. N. Wong.
H. K. C. C.	v.	G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst; Surgeon Comdr. N. H. Nicholson and N. Spence; Dr. A. H. Barwell and J. F. Theobald.
S. C. A. A.	v.	Dew Chok-him and Ip Koon-hung; Szeto Bik and Kwok Hing-chung; W. T. Lee and W. H. Ho.
A. T. C.	v.	Col. L. A. Newnham and Capt. Loch; Col. J. S. Smith and Capt. C. H. R. Hyde; Lieut. Tomlinson and Capt. Holmes.
I. R. C.	v.	A. R. Kitchell and O. Rumjahn; M. O. Hoosen and D. M. A. Razack; A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell.

"A" Division Matches Again Postponed

For the second week in succession all "A" Division League Tennis matches down for yesterday were postponed.

terres; R. H. E. Marks, W. Mulcahy, R. H. Wellwood and E. C. Flincher v W. Melrose, R. Main, R. Munro and J. C. Chalmers.

At Club de Recreio:—J. Gellatly, J. Skinner, L. A. Collyer and J. F. McGowan v W. L. Walker, H. White, A. Hyde Lay and A. J. Hall.

At Kowloon Docks R.C.:—R. P. Phillips, A. Bower, J. E. Henson and G. H. Sherriff v M. F. Alarid, E. A. Xavier, H. A. de B. Botelho and L. A. Gutierrez; V. L. Lohrum, J. W. M. Brown, J. Fraser and F. Goodwin v G. J. Silva, J. E. Noronha, C. A. Lopez and A. F. Noronha.

At Kowloon C.C.:—W. J. Howard, A. E. H. Castro, J. L. Stephens and A. J. Kew v A. Calman, W. Houston, J. C. Brown and R. Duncan; J. Gibson, R. Hughes, V. N. Atienza and W. V. Field v A. Eastman, W. Simpson, P. Younghusband and V. Chittenden.

At Hong Kong F.C.:—L. Hoosen, A. Baker, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu v R. Basa, J. S. Landolt, A. E. Coates and C. S. Rosset.

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JAPANESE INNER CABINET

Tokyo, To-day.

An Inner Cabinet has been formed comprising Admiral Yonai (Premier), Mr. Arita (Foreign Minister), General Hata (War Minister) and Vice-Admiral Yoshida (Navy Minister).

This has been actuated by the necessity to formulate carefully and execute promptly unified foreign and military policies vis-a-vis the new phase in the China affair following the inauguration of the new "central government of China" as well as the change in the international situation as a sequel to the rapid development of the European war.

The Inner Cabinet will meet twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays. The initial meeting takes place to-day following the regular Cabinet session. —Reuter.

SHOPBREAKER SENT TO PRISON

Appearing before Mr. E. Hinsworth this morning, Hui Hoi-shan, 44, charged with breaking into Windsor Brothers' shop in Nathan Road, on March 1, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Accused admitted breaking into the Blue Bell Store, 218, Nathan Road, on February 13, and was given a further two months.

PISTOL IN POST BOX

An automatic pistol and forty rounds of ammunition found in the General Post Office on May 6, were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when an application was made by Detective Sergeant Cullinan.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Experts expect the violent battle of the Lys to last for several days.

The German methods have shocked military observers who state that many of the German infantry attacks are simply suicidal, and reckless sacrifices of men and materials. —Havas.

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Paris, To-day.

A report out of Rome states that Mussolini has ordered the closing of the Italian frontier with Yugoslavia on the Italian side.

The "Osservatore Romano" was again on sale in the streets of Rome this morning, but its reporting of the war was confined to official bulletins. —Havas.

Jumping from the second verandah at No. 460, Shanghai Street, this morning, a 30-year-old widow died at 8 a.m. at Kowloon Hospital.

A cobbler was killed instantly on jumping into the street from the roof of No. 188, Shanghai Street, also this morning.

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POSTMAN BITTEN

A postman, Fong Tai-loi, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday for a bite on his thigh, inflicted by a dog owned by Mr. R. C. Beavan of No. 3, Chung Fa Terrace.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Mrs. R. A. Buckberrough of 92 Nathan Road, and Karl Herbert Elkan of 108 Austin Road.

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The Son Of Albert Surrenders

BELGIAN KING LAYS DOWN ARMS ---NO WARNING

KING LEOPOLD OF THE BELGIANS, AFTER THE TELLIBLE LOSSES INFILCTED ON THE BELGIAN ARMY IN THE LAST TWO DAYS, SINCE THE WHOLE WEIGHT OF HITLER'S STRIKING FORCE HAS BEEN THROWN AGAINST THE BELGIANS, HAS DECIDED THAT HE HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO SURRENDER.

This bombshell was announced over the Paris radio early this morning by M. Paul Reynaud, the French Prime Minister, following an urgent Cabinet meeting which sat until the early hours and at which all the principal leaders, including General Weygand, were present.

The full effect of the Belgian surrender is not yet known, but it is believed that the German Army has rushed through and occupied Ostend. It seems that nothing can now be done to save the Channel ports.

Nothing is yet known regarding the position of the British Expeditionary Force, which has been holding the line immediately on the right of the Belgian Army.

It is believed, however, that the French intend to take up their stand on the line of Abbeville along the Somme to Laon, Rethel and Montmedy, and it is believed that the B.E.F. and the French forces north of their line will endeavour to fall back upon this line, though they will be compelled to cross the Arras gap.

The announcement has come as a greater shock as only last night, over the Paris radio, the Belgian Prime Minister, in a broadcast, declared Belgian determination to continue the struggle until the common victory was won.

M. Pierlot said then, however, that the King dominated all their thoughts and that he had been with his troops for three weeks.

The Belgian Army, however, has been under a terrific strain in the last few days. As earlier messages emphasised, the Germans having switched the point of their main attack, the Belgians were having to bear the whole brunt of the German war machine.

They were being bombed unceasingly from the air, their rear under constant bombardment, and their losses had been terribly severe.

In a dramatic broadcast cabled by Reuter, the whole story is told, including the sensational revelation that King Leopold surrendered in the midst of battle without informing General Blanchard, Commanding the armies of the north, and without consulting the Allies to whom he had called for assistance 18 days ago.

M. Reynaud explained that in the early operations the Germans managed to split the Allies into two groups. In the south, the

French held a new line on the Somme and the Aisne joining the Maginot Line proper. In the north, there was a group of three armies, the Belgian, the B.E.F. and some French divisions.

This group was under the command of General Blanchard. This group was provisioned through Dunkirk, which was defended from the south and east by French and British and on the north by the Belgian army.

The Belgian army has suddenly, in the midst of the conflict, been ordered by its King to lay down its arms, without warning the British or the French and has opened the road to Dunkirk to the German divisions.

Eighteen days ago this same King addressed to us an appeal for help, an appeal to which we responded by adopting a plan drawn up by the General Staff in September. Then,

in the rage of battle, this same King, King Leopold the Second of Belgium, who until May 10 had pretended to attach to the German assurances the same value as those of the Allies, has, without consulting General Blanchard, without informing the British or the French, laid down his arms.

This is a fact without precedent in history. The Belgian Government have informed me that this decision of the King was taken against the responsible feeling of his responsible Ministers.

They added that they will put all the services to the common cause and all the forces which they can still control at the disposal of the Allies and are willing to raise a new army and collaborate with the Allies.

It is our soldiers of whom we think now. I am able to say that they are still intact. They are accomplishing magnificent things; every one of them, in the last 18 days have been fighting as we would expect them to fight. They have shown thousands of examples of heroism and the young generals who have hardly succeeded their seniors have covered themselves with glory.

Our soldiers and our Allies' soldiers form a block which will

EMPIRE FACES UP TO NEW SITUATION

London, To-day.

All parts of the Empire are showing similar determination to that of Britain to bring the war effort to the maximum by the most energetic measures and with the greatest possible speed.

The Canadian Premier's offer to forward at once all aeroplanes of certain types now available in the Dominion has been accepted by the British Government and at the same time, Mr. Mackenzie King has informed the Canadian Parliament that his Government is considering sweeping measures to conscript manpower and property, similar to the new Emergency Powers in Britain.

New Zealand proposes forming a War Council, comprising Ministers with representatives of the Opposition, employers, trade unions, and farmers, and also to adopt similar emergency legislation.

Australia announces the formation of a third division for overseas service and the expansion of the navy.—British Wireless.

never be broken. We will continue with complete confidence. We knew dark days would come and they have come. France has been invaded thousands of times and has never been defeated.

On the new front, laid down by General Weygand, with the approval of Marshal Petain, on the Somme and the Aisne, we shall hold out and because we shall hold out we shall gain the victory.—Reuter.

Battle Of Lys Reaches Maximum Intensity

BELGIANS NOW BEARING BRUNT

THE OMEN OF ILL

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Paris, To-day.

The French Government met under the chairmanship of President Albert Lebrun from 10 o'clock last night to 20 minutes past midnight.—Havas.

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Paris, To-day.

On his return from a brief trip to London the Premier, M. Reynaud, held a series of conferences with the Belgian Premier, M. Pierlot, the Belgian Defence Minister, General Denis, the Belgian Ambassador, M. Letellier, Marshal Petain, General Weygand, the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Bullitt, and Admiral Darlan.—Havas.

Paris, To-day.

The Council of Ministers heard a statement by General Weygand, the Allied Generalissimo, at a two-hour meeting under the chairmanship of President Lebrun last night.

The Premier, M. Reynaud, is to make a broadcast declaration to-day at 7.30 a.m. (G.M.T.)—Reuter.

43 NAZI PLANES SHOT DOWN IN ONE RAID ON CALAIS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Paris, To-day.

German public opinion which thought the German Air Force was invincible, is now changing its mind. As already officially announced in Paris, between May 10 and May 20, an average of over 100 German planes a day was brought down by Allied fighters or anti-aircraft units.

Since May 20, this daily average has become even greater. The following may form a useful indication as to the extent:

In a single raid on Calais, 43 German planes were shot down.

During a raid lasting for one hour on Dunkirk, 66 German planes were brought down.—Havas.

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WEATHER FORECAST.—East and south-east winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy; rain.

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PARIS, TO-DAY.

A GENERAL STAFF COMMUNIQUE SAYS THAT IN THE NORTH THE GERMANS ATTACKED THE BELGIAN ARMY IN THE MENIN REGION.

British troops in the Lys region successfully attacked an enemy superior in numbers. On the Somme a local action was brilliantly conducted by our troops supported by aviation.

East of the Aisne the enemy launched intermittent attacks.

CANADA MUST GIVE ALL

Ottawa, To-day.

Mr. Ian Mackenzie, the Canadian Defence Minister, in a broadcast last night, said: "Canada must give all if all is needed."

"This war must be won for Canada as well as for the British Empire."

He foreshadowed conscription of the nation's resources.—Reuter.

BELGIAN PREMIER'S BROADCAST

London, To-day.

The Paris radio last night broadcast a speech by the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Pierlot.

M. Pierlot announced the Belgian Cabinet met yesterday at the Belgian Embassy in Paris. The Speakers of both chambers of Parliament and other leaders were present.

The Government unanimously affirmed its will to continue the struggle until the common victory is won, and declared there would be no peace until independence was regained and the rights of Belgium restored.

M. Pierlot said the King dominated all their thoughts. He had put himself at the head of his troops and had not left them for three weeks.—Reuter.

DELICATE POINT FOR NAZI PLANS

Lausanne, To-day.

The "Gazette de Lausanne" says a delicate point for the German plan is the continued supply of munitions which is seriously hampered by the R.A.F., as well as supplies of petrol.

According to the experts the German troops are using petrol and crude oil in astronomical quantities to the extent that they will encounter serious difficulties if the battle lasts a long time with the same intensity.

Our artillery and infantry are holding up the enemy and are improving our positions.—Havas.

Valenciennes Evacuation

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Evacuation of the French salient in the Valenciennes region was ordered after a whole day of fighting in which all German attacks were repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy.

The retirement was ordered only for strategic considerations as the troops were ahead of the rest of the line and thus exposed to heavy losses.

The withdrawal was effected at night without loss.—Havas.

Extreme Violence

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The French military spokesman, commenting on the critical fighting in Belgium and Northern France, stated that the Germans had apparently shifted the bulk of their striking force against the Belgian positions on the Lys.

British troops had successfully counter-attacked in this area.

The Germans, he said, are apparently attempting to split the Allied forces in Belgium and Northern France, presumably because the Allied pressure in the gap was more severe than had been anticipated, and it is hoped to ease this pressure by the diversion.

The battle of the Lys was still continuing with extreme violence last evening, having then reached its maximum intensity.

Terrific Barrage

Terrific artillery fire is being laid against the Belgian and British lines along a 25-mile front and infantry are being thrown forward with a complete disregard for casualties.

There are few tanks being employed, but the artillery barrage is probably the heaviest of this or any other war.

The French meanwhile are exerting all possible pressure in the south, and important progress has been made along the whole line from Abbeville to Peronne.—Havas.

DEATH OF KAISER'S GRANDSON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

Prince Wilhelm, grand-son of the ex-Kaiser, who has died following an operation for abdominal wounds received in Flanders, is the second of the Kaiser's grand-sons to be killed in action.

The other was Prince Oscar, who was killed in Poland last September.—Havas.

Another factor generally regarded as decisive is the morale of the Allied troops who in tenacity concede nothing.—Reuter.

ANTI-FASCIST SCENE IN SHEFFIELD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

An anti-Fascist demonstration took place at Sheffield yesterday when a crowd manhandled a newsboy selling Fascist papers. The police intervened but could not prevent the mob from destroying the papers.—Havas.

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BRITAIN AND ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Proposals forwarded by the Italian Government to Britain through Sir Wilfred Greene may constitute the basis for a contraband control agreement, the "Manchester Guardian" declares.

Italy may be prepared to accept the navicert system if satisfactory technical measures are drafted allowing Italian shipping to dispense with the delays caused by the contraband control.

Thus the main motive of Italo-British friction would disappear.—Havas.

BRITISH STRENGTHEN NARVIK AIR FORCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Considerable reinforcements of British planes are reported to have reached the Narvik sector.—Havas.

BRITAIN'S BOMBERS DISORGANISE NAZI LINES

Attacks From Rhineland To French Frontier

Direct Hits On Supply Columns And Panzer Units

London, To-day.

THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS service states that all rail and river traffic was disorganised over a wide area from the Rhineland to the French frontier during Sunday night's activities by the Bomber Command.

Typical was the record of one heavy bomber which within half an hour scored direct hits on a mechanised column near Brussels, extinguished a searchlight by bombing it and another by machine-gun fire, wrecked a railway line and bridge and demolished a machine-gun post on a hilltop with a salvo of three bombs.

600,000 MORE MEN CALLED UP

London, To-day.

Another 600,000 men will register for the armed forces before the end of June under an Order just issued requiring the 1911 Class to register on June 15 and the 1912 Class on June 22.—Reuter.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TELLS STORY

London, To-day.

A Flight Lieutenant who has been with a squadron of fighters hotly engaged in the air battles along the French coast in the last few days, gave an account of the squadron's experiences in a broadcast last night.

He said that until the German invasion of Belgium and Holland, not one of his squadron had as much as seen a German machine.

In the last two days alone, they had shot down fifteen definitely and probably another five.

Two of their machines had failed to return, but one of the pilots was known to be safe.

In one engagement, they got six Messerschmidts and four bombers.

Just A Bit Of Luck

Immediately afterwards, he found a Messerschmidt swooping on his tail. He waited for the attack, gave him a

salvo at about 200 yards, hitting his petrol tank, swerved from under him and caught him again as he was going down.

"It was just a bit of luck," he said. "It might easily have been me."—Reuter.

Bombers Continue Attacks

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that the R.A.F. on Sunday night attacked aerodromes at Flushing, Brussels and Antwerp.

Operations were also continued against the enemy's communications in Belgium and western Germany. Hits were made on railway junctions, sidings and convoys of armoured vehicles.

Earlier in the evening much damage was done by medium bombers to a concentration of enemy mechanised vehicles near Boulogne. Yesterday bombing operations were carried out against various objectives in Flanders. So far all our aircraft have returned safely.

Preliminary reports show that 28 enemy aircraft were destroyed or seriously damaged by our aircraft yesterday.

One patrol of Defiants shot down five enemy bombers. Five of our fighters are reported missing.—Reuter.

Still Burning Days Later

London, To-day.

Planes of the Coastal Command which flew over Rotterdam on Saturday report that the fuel dumps, set on fire several days before were still burning.

They went on to "visit" other military objectives and when they left at dawn they could see the fires they had started from 30 miles away.

In one case, German troops were crossing a bridge as the British bombs hit it. The plane then went down low, and the gunner completed the work of disorganising the column.—Reuter.

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KING'S BROADCAST ANNOYS NAZIS

Berne, To-day. The "Basler Nachrichten" correspondent in Berlin reports an unprecedented violent reaction in Germany against the King's Empire broadcast.

The correspondent considers it can only be that the King's broadcast has exercised a profound influence on world opinion.—Reuter.

PORT ERIN NOW PORT FOR WOMEN

London, To-day.

Port Erin, on the Isle of Man, has been taken over in its entirety by the Government for the accommodation of German and Austrian women and children who are to be interned under the new order of the Home Secretary.

No civilians will be permitted in Port Erin unless they have business there.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Following the decision to set up a concentration camp in the Isle of Man, all German and Austrian women belonging to the "B" class of aliens, 1,500 women, most of them servants, were arrested in London yesterday. It is believed that all suspect aliens have now been rounded up.—Havas.

B.E.F. MAIL RESTRICTED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCES THAT IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY MILITARY TRAFFIC, IT HAS BEEN FOUND NECESSARY TO CANCEL TEMPORARILY THE TELEGRAPH SERVICE TO THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS IN THE POSTAL SERVICE.

No telegrams may be sent and post offices have been instructed to refuse parcels and packets, registered letters and all letters over two ounces in weight.

Letters under two ounces will be accepted as usual.—Reuter.

FINNISH TRADE MISSION IN MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day. The Finnish trade mission which recently arrived in Moscow met with a very cordial welcome, Swedish press correspondents report. Russo-Finnish and Russo-Swedish trade negotiations are taking place simultaneously and the Kremlin apparently desires to show the greatest cordiality and goodwill towards both countries.—Havas.

ISOLATED UNITS IN HEROIC FIGHTS

London, To-day.

Accounts received in London speak of the determined resistance offered to the enemy by small British detachments.

One unit of Royal Engineers of only 300 men armed only with rifles were attacked by 100 enemy armoured cars and motor-cycle machine-guns.

They fought a successful action for several hours, and the survivors were able to withdraw.

British anti-aircraft batteries have been the object of particularly ferocious attack. In one case, a unit of 170 men was attacked by the enemy advance guard moving towards the Channel ports and preferred to lose almost two-thirds of their number rather than surrender.

The survivors managed to withdraw and rejoined larger British forces in the rear.

Nazi Ruthlessness

As evidence of German ruthlessness, an eye-witness reports seeing six enemy tanks proceeding down each side of a road in Northern France which was choked with refugees.

The tanks machine-gunned the fugitives and ran over those who had fallen on the ground.—Reuter.

AMERICAN REPORT ATTACKED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day. The newspaper "Izvestia" indignantly comments on a report in the "Chicago Daily News" asserting that consultations have taken place in Peiping between the German, Soviet and Japanese representatives regarding the disposal of the Dutch East Indies.

"Izvestia" declares: "The valets of the capitalistic press are spreading canards that Russia has designs on the Dutch colonies."

"This only shows that their masters are determined to seize the Dutch legacy."

"It is a well-known custom of the capitalistic press and diplomacy to accuse others to disassociate their own robberies."—Havas.

THE WAR OFFICE CASUALTY LIST

London, To-day.

The War Office Casualty List No. 6 gives the names of two officers killed, two wounded, two prisoners of war, and five other ranks killed, three died of wounds, fifteen wounded, 163 missing and 38 died.—British Wireless.

GERMANS SOUND AIR RAID WARNINGS TO PREVENT PUBLIC SEEING WOUNDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

GERMAN LOSSES OF MEN HAVE BEEN SO GREAT THAT THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ADOPTED ALL SORTS OF MEASURES TO KEEP THE POPULACE AWAY WHEN WOUNDED ARE RUSHED THROUGH, RELIABLE NEUTRAL OBSERVERS FROM BERLIN REPORT.

In certain towns, these observers report, the air-raid sirens are set going to make people seek shelter instead of coming out and looking at the wounded !

LABOUR SUPPLY BOARD

London, To-day.

The Labour Supply Board, whose formation was only announced over the week-end, has already held its first meeting at the Ministry of Labour under the chairmanship of Mr. Ernest Bevin.

The board will carry out necessary measures to ensure the labour supply and make the fullest use of the manpower and woman-power of the country.—Reuter.

VERDUN TACTICS REPEATED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

French military circles define the offensive launched by the Germans for the past two or three days in Flanders as a repetition of the tactics used at Verdun during the last war.

The German General Staff is pushing forward ever increasing masses of men and material without any heed to losses with a view to obtaining decisive speedy results in submerging our positions under virtual human waves.

German losses have been enormous.

Chief German attacks were launched against the sector held by the Belgian troops in the direction of Menin and Courtrai.—Havas.

GIBRALTAR IMPOSES CURFEW

Gibraltar, To-day.

It is officially announced that the curfew will be imposed in Gibraltar from to-day between 11.30 p.m. and 5.30 a.m.

Only members of His Majesty's forces and men in uniform will be permitted out of doors between these hours.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT GOES FOR A CRUISE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

After delivering his speech to the nation, President Roosevelt boarded his yacht for a cruise on the Potomac. The White House announces that the President is not returning before next Monday.—Havas.

BRITAIN IN THE WAR ZONE

London, To-day.

The German drive on the French coast is being watched by the British public with anxious steady gaze and unflinching resolve.

There is full appreciation of the fact that the British islands are now right in the war zone but this has done nothing to shake the faith of the British people in ultimate victory.

That faith is grounded in the confidence of the superiority man for man of the British soldier over the enemy, the strength of the British Navy,

ENGLAND'S PARA-SHOOTERS

London, To-day.

Sir Edward Grigg, War Office Parliamentary Under-Secretary, in a broadcast on the task allotted to the Para-shooters, said:

"We want first of all correct information of any enemy landings from the air.

"After that, it is the duty of those on the spot to see that the enemy gets no cars or means of transport, and to bar his progress by any and every means at their disposal.

"All strategic points should be strongly guarded, especially at night, to ensure that such points cannot be rushed.

Sir Edward disclosed that over 400,000 volunteers have been enrolled of which a large proportion have already been armed.—Reuter.

the immense economic reserves of the British Empire and the firm belief in French powers of endurance.—British Wireless

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APPEARANCE OF CALM NORMALITY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MEN BETWEEN 18 AND 19½ NOT YET LIABLE TO MILITARY SERVICE WILL BE ACCEPTED AS MEMBERS OF THE HOME DEFENCE FORCE.

Intensive preparations are proceeding in a spirit of eager determination, concealed under an outward appearance of calm normality.

In London, there are few apparent signs of the preparations. Transport services are completely normal and there is less interruption of civilian activity than in the first weeks of the war.

Typical of this seeming contrast was seen on Sunday when factories were working at full blast and churches were crowded to overflowing for the Day of National Prayer—a striking demonstration of the spirit in which the people of Britain are facing the grave times.—British Wireless.

RIDICULOUS RUMOUR

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

RUMOURS CIRCULATED IN SHANGHAI THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE DESPATCHED 150,000 TROOPS TO HAINAN ISLAND PREPARATORY TO INVADING THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES ARE SEEN BY MILITARY OBSERVERS AS UNFOUNDED, SAYS THE "SHUN PAO."

It is pointed out that after the defeat at the hands of the Chinese in Honan and Hupeh, the Japanese have found it hard to call reinforcements, much less to send a reserve of 150,000 troops to Hainan Island, the paper says.—Reuter.

ALLEGED DISCOVERY IN MOSLEY'S HOME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

According to reliable, semi-official quarters, many prominent Britons have been implicated by documents found in the home of Sir Oswald Mosley, head of the British Union of Fascists, who, it will be recalled, was promptly arrested when Britain's new measures against "Fifth Columnists" were put into effect.—Havas.

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